



What is Accelerated Reader?

The Accelerated Reader (AR) program is a computer-based system, which is used once children have moved beyond phonics books. It is a very effective system for motivating children and ensuring good reading progress. It is a computer-based management system that helps us to manage and monitor our children's independent reading practice and progress. It gives children and teachers instant feedback based on the quiz results which the teacher then uses to help set the child's targets and goals and to direct ongoing reading practice and book choice.

How does Accelerated Reader work?

Your child will take a Star Reader test. This test assesses your child's understanding and generates a ZPD which will be the level of the book that they are allocated. It is important to know that these books may seem easy for your child, but please do not worry about this. The focus is on developing comprehension skills and consolidating reading fluency.

It is important for children to read with a high level of comprehension as once they have read the book they will complete a quiz. When you are reading at home with your child it would be helpful to ask them lots of questions to check their understanding of the book. In Key Stage One your child should also read each book at least twice before they quiz on the book in school - this helps to develop both their confidence and their understanding. When children first start the Accelerated Reader scheme they read easier books to ensure that they are reading them carefully and completely understand the text.

After the children have read their book they will complete a short book based quiz (3, 5 or 10 questions) on the ipads in school, quizzes cannot be taken at home. Children will pass the quiz if they achieve 80% or more. When children have passed at least 3 quizzes on books at one ZPD level then they will most likely move on to the next ZPD level. This will be the decision of the class teacher based on how the child has demonstrated their reading fluency and understanding in school.