

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader (A.R.) is a computer program that will help to develop your child's independent reading. It works in quite a simple way; your child will pick a book at their own level, and when finished will take a short quiz on the computer. The quiz is a feature of how we change books at school, but is a really important addition. If your child can pass a quiz about what they have read then this tells us that they have fully understood the content of their book. In addition to this, some books have a vocabulary quiz that allows children to answer questions about the vocabulary they have read within the book.

Children will take a STAR reading test on the computer which then assigns them a reading band based on their comprehension of the questions. Your child will be able to select a book from our library that falls within their reading band. This reading band will guide your child towards choosing books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating. The aim is for them to pass the quiz and be successful.

One of the best parts about using A.R. is that your child can choose their own book to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This will hopefully make reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.

As a part of our reading programme we ask the children to read at home to an adult at least three times per week, fill in their reading diary and have it signed by a parent. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping your child to do this, as ultimately the reading practise that your child gets outside of school.

Please see your child's teacher if you have any further queries.