



Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader

Your child will be participating in the Accelerated Reader™ (AR™) program. This guide is designed to answer your questions about AR. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or visit the Accelerated Reader website at www.renlearn.co.uk.

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

- AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice.
- Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.)
- AR gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.
- Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.
- Teachers and librarians help your child choose books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success

How can I help my child become a better reader?

As with anything, performance improves with practice:

- Encourage your child to read at home.
- Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child,
- starting a home library,
- Visiting your local library or bookshop on a regular basis,
- Letting your child see you reading and discussing books that each of you have read.
- When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child is comprehending what is read.
- Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading and learning and creating a loving relationship between you and your child. Make learning a family affair!

What if my child does not like reading?

Using Accelerated Reader, your child will choose the books he/she wants to read. The teacher will make certain the book is at the right level so that after completing the book, your child should do well on the AR Reading Practice Quiz. Success on the quiz will encourage your child to read more.

How does the school determine my child's reading level?

Teachers determine your child's reading level in one of three ways: a STAR Reading™ test, a reading age estimation from a standardised test or by using their best professional judgment based on their knowledge of your child.

How can I help my child find books that are interesting to him or her? Visit www.arbookfind.co.uk and click Advanced Search.