



Overchurch Junior School

Introducing Accelerated Reader

What is Accelerated Reader?

- Accelerated Reader is an online program that children use to take a quiz after they have read a book.
- Children can read real books or online books using MyOn.
- Accelerated Reader assesses the child's reading level so that they can choose books at the correct challenge level for them.
- Teachers use Accelerated Reader to monitor reading progress.

Why are we using Accelerated Reader?

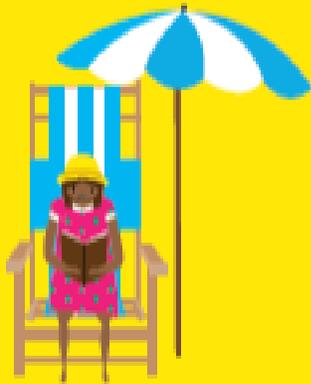
- To improve reading fluency by building children up to reading gradually.
 - To develop a love of books and reading.
 - To improve understanding of text.
 - To develop language acquisition.
 - To support home learning.
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- According to Renaissance Learning's research, children who read at least twenty minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains.

Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)

- Based on the concept delivered by Russian psychologist Lev Vygotsky, the ZPD represents the level of difficulty that is neither too hard nor too easy, and this is the level at which optimal learning takes place.
- All children have completed a reading assessment which gives them a ZPD level. Your child's teacher will inform you of this level.
- If their level is 1.2-3.2, we would suggest that they start with the books at 1.2 and work their way up to 3.2.

What does your ZPD mean?

BELOW ZPD Comfort Zone



- This is an easier read, perfect for reading at home or on holiday
- Maybe it's part of a series you enjoy or is by an author you really like
- Ask your teacher first

LOWER ZPD Exploration Zone



- Go wild and try something new!
- Explore new genres, authors and book lengths
- Challenge yourself if you can

UPPER ZPD Deep Dive



- Plan ahead:
- ✓ Choose a book you are excited about
 - ✓ Pick a shorter book first
 - ✓ Make notes as you read – remember the 5Ws!
 - ✓ Ask your teacher for advice

ABOVE ZPD Read Together



- This is a challenging read
- Who would enjoy reading this book with you?
 - A parent?
 - An older sibling?
 - A friend?
- Ask your teacher first

Finding the ZPD of a Book

- There are lots of popular books on Accelerated Reader.
- Using the website www.arbookfind.co.uk, you can find the level of a book.
- ZPD's are a guide only. If your child is keen to read a book that does not fall within their ZPD, discuss their choice with them. Perhaps this could be used to read together as a bedtime story or saved for a later date.

How to log on to Accelerated Reader

- Before beginning a book, it is a good idea to check that it is on Accelerated Reader. Use <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> to do this.
- Once you have read the book log onto the Accelerated Reader website:

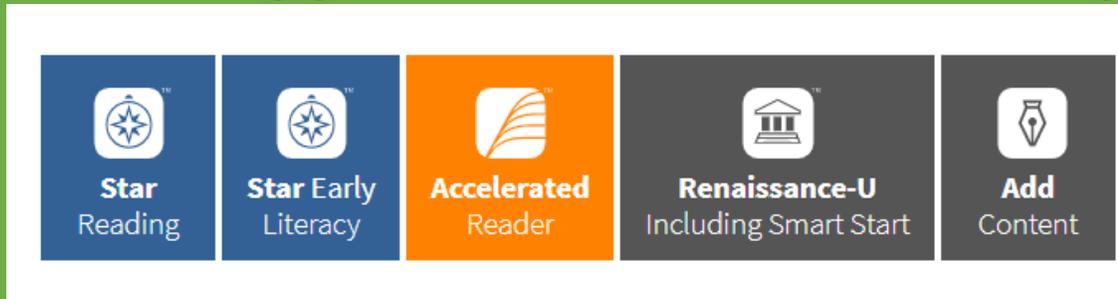
<https://ukhosted84.renlearn.co.uk/2244376/>

This is our unique link for our school. Using Google will not work.

You can also access AR through Wonde using the Renaissance Learning icon.

Accessing the AR Quizzes

- Once you have logged in, click on the orange icon.



- Type the name of the book into the search bar.
- Click on the book and follow the quiz instructions.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes

- Children only take a quiz once they have finished a book.
- There are between 5 and 10 questions and at the end of the quiz the students are given a percentage to show how well they have done.
- Quizzes are not a memory test and therefore should be used for books read within the previous two weeks.
- Quizzes must be completed independently.

Accelerated Reader in School

- Accelerated Reader is monitored regularly and closely by staff in school.
- Children are rewarded for their engagement and progress.
- Children are able to take quizzes in school as well as at home.