



Accelerated Reader®

All of our KS2 children participate in the Accelerated Reader program. Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Children pick a book at their own level and read it at their own pace. When finished, they take a short comprehension quiz using the ipads.

Accelerated Reader gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which our teachers then use to help children set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. Children using Accelerated Reader 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 help children choose books at an appropriate level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that they can pass quizzes, experience success and make progress in their independent reading.

Every morning in school, children have 30 minutes of designated Accelerated Reader time. During this time, they have independent reading time, opportunities to complete quizzes, receive feedback on their reading from their class teacher and be taught specific reading skills to enable them to make further progress. We celebrate success with classroom displays, awards in assemblies and certificates to show how much we value hard work in reading.

If your child currently is reading at or below Ginn Level 8, they will continue to bring home these texts as their home reading book. Children reading at this level will still have the opportunity to access Accelerated Reader texts during the designated time to encourage choice and the development of reading for pleasure. If they are reading above Ginn Level 8, their home reading book will now be an Accelerated Reader text. If the children finish a book at home, they will complete the corresponding quiz the following day in school.

Research has shown that Accelerated Reader enables children to make excellent progress in their reading comprehension and motivates children to read for pleasure. 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 has 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 and building a lifelong love of reading and learning.