

Overview

As with anything, performance improves with practice. According to Renaissance Learning's research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains. Encourage your child to read at home, discuss books, ask questions about what they have read and visit your local library.

At Woodberry Down we reward pupils who are doing well and constantly encourage pupils to go even further through the use of incentives like stickers, certificates and other small prizes.



Your Child's Progress

Home Connect is a website that links school and home to keep parents informed of their child's progress in AR.

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<https://Ukhosted26.renlearn.co.uk/2243242/HomeConnect>

Simply enter your child's user name and password (all children should know this) and you will be able to:

- review results on AR quizzes taken in school
- view the number of books read, words read and quizzes passed
- see a virtual bookshelf showing the books your child has read
- sign up (optional) to receive an email every time your child takes a quiz to share the results with you instantly



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Accelerated Reader



Why Accelerated Reader?

In the Federation we want to grow excellent readers and for our pupils to blossom through a love of reading.

We want our pupils to read books at their own reading and interest levels, so that they enjoy reading by being successful. By using AR they learn and grow at their own pace.

How does it work?

Accelerated Reader is a computer based program that helps teachers and parents monitor pupil'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 to see how well they have understood the book.
- Teachers will help your child choose books that are at an appropriate reading level. These will be challenging without being frustrating and will also be at a level at which your child can pass the quiz and experience success.
- Once they have completed their test a TOPS reports is printed out.
- The TOPS report is monitored by the teacher and if your child is achieving 100% regularly, they will be moved up within the AR levels.

Writing

Teachers determine your child's reading level in three ways: a STAR Reading test, a reading age estimation from optional SATs scores, and by using his/her best professional judgment based on his/her knowledge of your child. Your child will be given a colour and level range to choose a wide variety of books from. The poster below shows the AR levels.

Accelerated Reader, Book Level Guide

●	0.0 - 1.9
●	2.0 - 2.9
●	3.0 - 3.9
●	4.0 - 4.9
●	5.0 - 5.9
●	6.0 +

What is a STAR Reading test?

STAR Reading is used to determine your child's reading level. It is a computer based reading assessment program that uses computer-adaptive technology. Questions continually adjust to your child's responses. If the child's response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If the child cannot answer a question or answers incorrectly, the difficulty level is reduced. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 10 minutes.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes

There are over 140,000 AR quizzes available and more being written every month. The Federation has a very large book stock, but there is nothing preventing children from reading their own personal books or even books on loan from the library provided they are checked on the system.

There are several ways of achieving this. Your child can bring a book into school, log in to the system and search for the quiz. Alternatively the AR Book Finder service available at

www.arbookfind.co.uk

which allows you to conduct a search of all available books with AR quizzes.

