

Accelerated Reader Information

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Why do we do AR in school?

- Reading is vital to your learning. It is one of the most important things you will do in school and the key to your education.
- AR helps you to select books that will be pitched at your reading level so you can develop your understanding and widen your vocabulary.
- AR makes reading enjoyable and you get rewarded for it!
- *'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'*

Quizzing

- Don't quiz on books you have read previously.
- You should generally not be taking more than one quiz a day. It is **not a competition** – read your book for enjoyment.
- Take the quiz within 24 hours
- There is no time limit on the quiz
- **1.15-1.30:** This is silent reading time every day. Bring your AR book to school each day.

Remember

- If you take a quiz once you can't retake it at a later date, so ensure you've read it carefully before quizzing on it.
- Choose a book carefully. Your ZPD is a good guide for books you will find most suitable for you. Read the blurb to see if it is a book you think you will enjoy.
- You can not take a new book out until you have returned your book. These books must be signed in and out.

Self-Management

- Your reading range tells you what level of books you should be reading at e.g. 2.3 – 3.4
- You can read any book within that range. You do not have to start at 2.3. However if you pick a 2.9 book and fail a quiz that level is perhaps too difficult for you. What should you do next?
- If you are getting 100% in every quiz perhaps the level of books you are reading is not challenging enough.

Homework

- You must read for at least **25 minutes** each day. We will do 15 minutes in school- the rest is part of your homework.
- Reading logs must be filled in and signed each night
- Week 7 of every term will be a reading week- Reading will be your main homework that week

Vocabulary Quizzes

- Some books offer extra quizzes such as Vocabulary quizzes. If your book had such a quiz then give it a go. It's a great way to expand your vocabulary.

Do sample vocabulary quiz:

- *Home- Accelerated Reader- Manage Books and Quizzes- Vocabulary Practice Quizzes- Do Charlie and the Chocolate Factory quiz*

What are you reading?

- 1 in every 5 books you read should be a non-fiction book.
 - Are you reading books from the same author/books from the same genre? Try to read a variety of books from different authors and different genres.
- Science Fiction, Action and Adventure, Mystery, Horror, Comedy, Biographies, Fantasy etc.

How are you performing in each quiz?

- After each quiz you will get a report. Look at it carefully:
- **100%:** This book was comfortable for you. Perhaps try a book higher in your ZPD next time
- **90%:** This book was perfect for you. Perhaps try one or two book levels higher or a longer book next time
- **80%:** This book was a little difficult for you. Perhaps choose one or two books levels lower
- **70%:** This book was quite challenging for you. Perhaps try a book at the beginning of your ZPD
- **60% or below:** This book was too challenging. Perhaps try a book at the beginning of your ZPD or speak to your teacher for help

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