

## Accelerated Reader

### **What is Accelerated Reader?**

Accelerated Reader is a computer-based program that we use in school to monitor reading practise and progress. It helps school guide children to books that are suitable for their reading level.

All children in KS2 use Accelerated Reader. Year 2 children will begin to use Accelerated Reader in the summer term to prepare them for KS2. In some cases, year 2 children can be added on earlier, this is done at the discretion of the teacher.

### **Star Testing**

Every half term, children are required to take a Star Reader Test. The test consists of 36 multiple choice questions and should take around 20-30 minutes to complete. Star Reading is a computerized reading assessment which continually adjusts to the child's responses. If the child's response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty level is reduced. Star Reading allows teachers to monitor the child's progress throughout the year.

### **Book Bands**

In the school library, we have a vast selection of quiz books for the children to choose from. Your child will be given a book band by their teacher, after the completion of a Star Reading assessment. They can then choose any books - within their allocated book band - that they wish to read.

### **Quizzes**

After reading a book, children take short multiple-choice quizzes to check if they've understood the book. Children will take quizzes on iPads or laptops during school time. To show that the children have fully understood and read the book, they must reach a pass mark of 80% or higher on the quiz. If a child does not reach this mark, they will be asked to read the book again and retake the quiz.

### **How to Support your Child's Reading at Home.**

Every day, your child will bring home their AR book. Your child needs to be reading at home 3 times a week. Please continue to share a range of reading materials with your child at home and question them about what they are reading.