



East Linton Primary School

Guide to Accelerated Reader for Parents & Carers

What is Accelerated Reader?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks his or her own book at the right level and reads it independently. Once finished they take a short quiz on the computer, passing this quiz means that your child has a good understanding of what has been read. Pupils and teachers get feedback on quiz results which they use to have a learning discussion and plan future reading. If your child does not pass the quiz then discussion can focus around strategies to help e.g. choosing an easier book, taking notes on each chapter

How much do we read in school?

Around 20-25 minutes every day.

Is it competitive?

Only for the individual as the book choices and quizzes are all related to your child.

How is the right level of challenge worked out?

The level your child reads at is determined several times a year by using an online Star Reader Test coupled with teacher professional judgement. The Star Reader Test adapts as your child answers the questions to give us a reading age and Zone of Proximal Development. The **ZPD** is the range of books which will challenge your child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. You may have heard your child talking about their ZPD.

There are over 28000 AR quizzes online and pupils can check to make sure that their book is an AR book before reading it by using www.arbookfind.co.uk - you can use this at home too.

We have hundreds of books in school which are AR banded so that your child can choose one within their ZPD. We also access the local and central libraries to find more titles.

How do we monitor?

Teachers can monitor class and individual progress to see how many books have been read, how many quizzes passed, how many words read etc. This enables us to gauge progress and comprehension and have conversations with pupils to encourage them and discuss any issues.

What else?

In school we have prize draws and certificates to encourage and motivate our readers. We have a 100% certificate for those who answer all questions in a quiz correctly and a nearly there certificate for 80% and above. We award certificates as pupils make progress and also based on how many words they read - we have Millionaire certificates celebrating 1 million words read!