

# Reading Challenge



We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our new reading reward system. After two years of Reading Karate, it is felt that we need something new to motivate children to read regularly at home. Children across the school were involved with deciding what the new reward would be. Our pupils told us that they enjoyed the 100% quiz raffle and getting their own books to keep. Therefore, our reading reward prizes for pupils across the school will be books!



**How will it work?** Pupils will earn points for reading at home. Only 1 point will be counted for each day (maximum of 7 points a week). We expect children in Reception/KS1 to read at least 3 times a week and KS2 at least 5 times a week. They will get certificates and prizes for the following points:

## Reading Challenge (Reception and Year 1 and any children not on Accelerated Reader)

50 points—Certificate

100 points—Bookmark and certificate

150 points—Choose a book to keep from the school box and a certificate

200 points –Visit to a bookshop to choose own book to keep

Reception and Year 1 - sticker given by the class teacher for every 20 reads they do.

## Accelerated Reader Challenge (Year 2 and KS2)

75 points—Certificate

150 points—Bookmark and certificate

225 points—Choose a book to keep from the school box and a certificate

300 points –Visit to a bookshop to choose own book (within a set price limit) to keep

The points are higher for this challenge. This is because we want to encourage the children to do well on their quizzes. Therefore, they will be able to achieve bonus points for passing them.

**2 bonus points for passing an AR quiz. 3 bonus points for passing a quiz and getting 100%.**

Reading records will be checked every Monday. Your child must have their reading record in school on this day in order for their points to be awarded. These reading points will be added to a whole class chart which will be displayed in the classroom. If your child is on the Accelerated Reader challenge, you can log on to Home Connect to see how your child has performed in their quizzes and whether they have earned any bonus points. If your child starts on the Reading Challenge and then moves to Accelerated reader, their points will transfer across to the new scheme. The top prize of a visit to a bookshop (to be confirmed) will happen towards the end of the Summer term. If your child reaches the target before then, they will have to wait until this date to receive their prize. The reading Challenge will begin on **Monday 10th September** and only reads from this date will count.

# Accelerated Reader



## What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's individual reading practice. Your child will pick a book at their own level and read it at their own pace. When finished, your child will take a short quiz on the computer. Passing this quiz is an indication that your child has understood what they have read. AR gives children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results which the teacher then uses to help set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

## How will the books be banded?

We will use STAR Reading, a computerised reading assessment, to determine your child's reading level. Questions continually adjust according to your child's responses. If the response is correct, the difficulty is increased. If your child misses a question, the difficulty level is reduced. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The test results will give your child a reading age and ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) level.

The ZPD level is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. They will then be able to choose books within this ZPD level as their individual reading book. Within this band, there will be a range of difficulties and interest levels for the children to choose from. The children will have a STAR Reading assessment every half-term to ensure that they are making progress and to ensure that they are on the correct book band.

## How can I help at home?

The children will be allocated a book level based on their ZPD level. This will be indicated on their reading record. You can help your child by listening to them read regularly and asking them questions about what they have read to help secure their comprehension of the text. The quizzes will only take place in school. It is done this way to ensure that your child has completed the test independently to give a true reflection about what their strengths and areas for development are.

You can monitor how well they are doing by logging onto Home Connect. A letter containing your log-in details will be sent out separately.



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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 +

**Book level**  
relates to  
difficulty of  
text

Quiz No 200005  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
  
Dahl, Roald  
  
B.L.: 4.8  
Points: 5.0  
  
MY

**Points** – relates to the  
length of the book

**Interest Levels**

LY – Lower Years Ages 5-8

MY – Middle years Ages 9-13

UY – Upper Years Ages 14+