

Reading Challenge



At Nanpean School we want the best for our children and believe it is important to make sure they are confident, fluent readers who enjoy reading for life! Reading enjoyment is so important because evidence suggests that it has a positive impact on educational performance. Due to the huge success of our 'Reading Challenge' for the past two years, we will be continuing to reward reading with books! Also, due to the huge success, we will be increasing the points to encourage even more reading engagement at home.



How will it work? Pupils will earn points for reading activities at home. Only 1 point will be counted for each day (maximum of 7 points a week). A change this year is that we expect all children (regardless of year group or key stage) to engage in a reading activity at home at least 5 times a week.

What counts as a reading activity? At Nanpean School, we recognise that reading enjoyment is developed through doing more than just reading a school reading book. Our pupils enjoy reading their own books or reading on a Kindle or even having a story read to them! All of these activities help our pupils to develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Because of this, all pupils at our school will have a library book as well as their school reading book to enjoy at home.



Read something electronically e.g. computer game, Kindle, etc.
Read a non-fiction text e.g. recipe, instructions, menu, etc.
Have someone read something to you.
Read a comic or magazine.
Read anything in a place you have never read before.
Read my school book.

Reception and Year 1 and any children not on AR

- 60 points—Certificate
- 120 points—Bookmark
- 180 points—Choose a book from the school box
- 250 points—Visit to a Waterstones to choose own book

(Year 2 and KS2)

- 90 points—Certificate
- 180 points—Bookmark
- 270 points—Choose a book from the school box
- 350 points—Visit to a Waterstones to choose own book

The points are higher for Year 2 and KS2. This is because they will be able to achieve bonus points for passing their AR quizzes.

The Reading Challenge runs from Monday 9th September 2019 to Friday 3rd July 2020

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 practise.

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.



Book Level Guide

Blue	0.0—1.9
Red	2.0—2.9
Purple	3.0—3.9
Green	4.0—4.9
Yellow	5.0—5.9
Pink	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+