



## **Accelerated Reader (AR) Information for Parents & Carers**

All children in Key Stage 2 (KS2) complete AR tests and work towards personal reading targets each term. This information is designed to provide you with more details about this system.

When the children have finished reading a book, they log on to something called Renaissance Reader, though we call it AR in school which stands for Accelerated Reader. This is a computer system that then asks the children between 5 and 20 questions based on the book they have just read. Children need to be scoring 60% or higher to 'pass' their test. Should a child score 50% or lower, we ask them to re-read the book and try the test again. It is likely that if they scored less than 60% on the first test it is because they lost their flow as they spent time decoding new words, but hopefully on the second time of reading they will have a better understanding as they will have decoded (and hopefully remembered) any new words. It is helpful if you can talk with your child regularly about the story they are reading and what is happening / has happened as this will support their understanding of the text. If you want ideas of the sorts of questions you can ask, some ideas can be found on our 'Reading' pages on the school website.

AR tests can be completed both at home and in school. If children wish to complete the tests at home, this is really helpful and the link can be found on both KS2 class pages on the school website or in the front of your child's reading record. It is vital that you type the full web address in, not just 'renlearn' as this will not take you to our school's login. Your child's login details are in the front of their reading records.

At the end of each AR test the computer will show the points that have been awarded for that book and how far through their reading target they are. Reading targets are set each term and based on a comprehension style task that they did on AR in September. As children progress towards their target, we reward them in Celebration Worship with reading certificates showing they are 25% / 50% / 75% and 100% along the way. The children also move their rockets on a display shared by both junior classes. Targets will last a full term.

If you have any further questions about how AR works, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Quayle as KS2 Reading Lead.