

# St George's Primary School



“ONCE YOU  
LEARN TO  
READ,  
YOU WILL BE  
FOREVER FREE”

- Frederick Douglass -

**Introducing Accelerated Reader**

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# What is Accelerated Reader?



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Allocate  
**20 –35 minutes**  
of daily reading  
practice



on any platform with  
Internet access



Regular access  
**to books**



**Quiz within 24 hours  
of finishing the book**



Schedule time to  
**analyse the data**

# Why are we using AR?



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- To improve reading fluency by building children up to reading gradually;
  - To develop a love of books and reading;
  - To improve understanding;
  - To develop language acquisition;
  - To support home learning.
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- According to Renaissance Learning's research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains.



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- **ZPD – Zone Proximal Development**

Common sense tells us that whenever we practise a skill, we will get the most from our efforts if we work at the right level. Practising with books that are too hard results in frustration. Practising with books that are too easy does little to improve skills and leads to boredom.

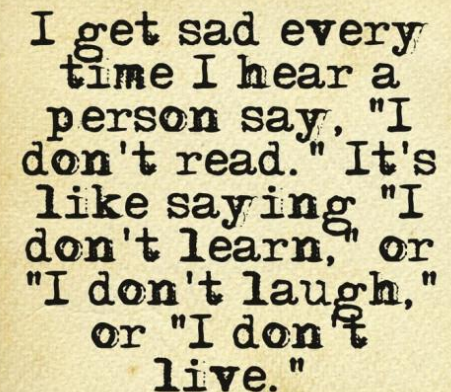
Based on a concept developed by Russian psychologist Lev Vygotsky, the ZPD represents the level of difficulty that is neither too hard nor too easy, and is the level at which optimal learning takes place.

All children have completed a reading assessment which gives them a ZPD level. Your child's teacher will inform you of this level.

If their level is 2.4 – 3.5 we would suggest that they start with books at 2.4 and work up through the levels.

# www.arbookfind.co.uk

- There are lots of popular books on Accelerated Reader.
- Children can read books from their bookshelves at home.
- They can check the level of the book using Book Find.
- ZPD's are a guide and do not put children off if they really want to read a book outside of their level. Discuss their choices with them – sometimes children need to be guided and encouraged to try different books.



I get sad every  
time I hear a  
person say, "I  
don't read." It's  
like saying "I  
don't learn," or  
"I don't laugh,"  
or "I don't  
live."



# Finding a book



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- <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

RENAISSANCE  
**Accelerated** Reader Bookfinder™

United Kingdom & Ireland

Teacher Quick Search Advanced Search Collections

AR BookBag™

Enter Keycode  
 Go

You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child.

Refine Your Search

Interest Level  
Lower Years (85)  
Middle Years (82)  
Upper Years (25)  
Middle Years Plus (10)  
Middle Grades (2)

Fiction/Non-fiction  
Fiction (190)  
Non-fiction (14)

Language  
->English

Topic  
Series (134)  
Animals (58)  
Family Life (56)  
Adventure (41)  
Behaviour (37)  
Humour/Funny (32)  
Mysteries (28)  
Fantasy/Imaginatio... (23)  
Sport/Recreation (22)  
Community Life (20)

Search

**Search Results**  
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**Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**  
Rowling, J.K.  
AR Quiz No. 201923 EN Fiction  
IL: MY - BL: 6.7 - AR Pts: 18.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★  
Harry's school is Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and Harry is a wizard. When Harry and his best friends go back for their third year at Hogwarts, the atmosphere is tense. There's an escaped mass murderer on the loose.

+ Add to AR BookBag™

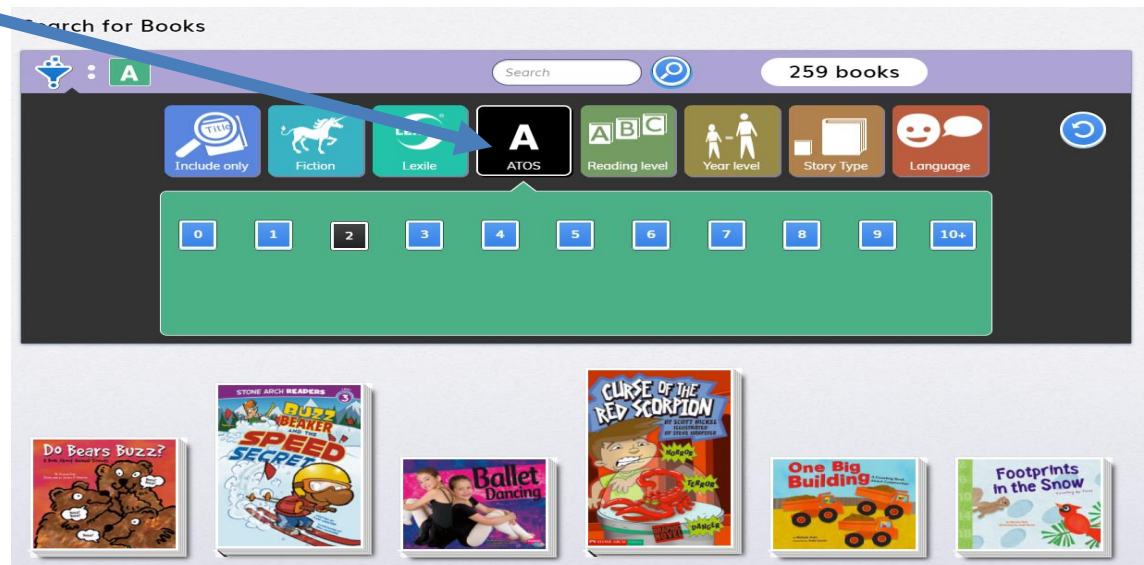
**Harry Potter and the Cursed Child**  
Rowling, J.K.  
AR Quiz No. 230684 EN Fiction  
IL: MY+ - BL: 3.9 - AR Pts: 6.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★  
Now a husband, father of three, and an overworked employee at the Ministry of Magic, Harry must continually grapple with his past while his youngest son, Albus, struggles with a weighty and unwanted family legacy.

+ Add to AR BookBag™



- We have purchased an online subscription to MyOn.
- Children can select a book at the correct ZPD/ATOS level.
- You can search for book titles or you can search for books using ATOS level.

• Children have their own individual log on details for MyOn.



- Once they have read a MyOn book they can click to take the AR quiz.



# How to log on to Accelerated Reader



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- If using a real book you should first use book finder to check that the book is on AR.
- Once you have read the book log onto the AR website:

<https://Ukhosted105.renlearn.co.uk/6709180>

- DO NOT GOOGLE IT – you must copy the link into the address bar or follow the link on the desktops.

# AR Quizzes



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- Once children have read their book they should log onto Accelerated Reader and click on the Orange icon.
- Type the name of the book into the search bar.

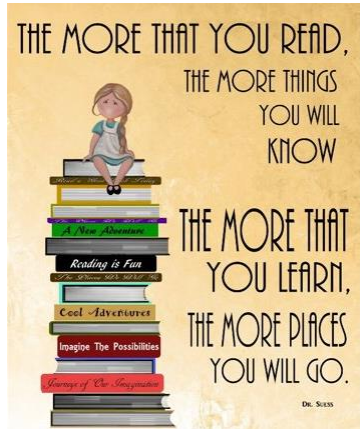


- Click on the book – check it's the correct name and author.
- Follow the Quiz instructions.

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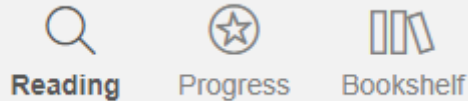


- Children only take a quiz **after** they have *finished* a book.
- There are usually about 10 questions on the book that has been read. At the end of the quiz the students are given a percentage to show them how well they have done.
- There are some important rules for taking quizzes:
  - 1) The book the child is quizzed on **must be a book they have read in the last two weeks**. AR is not a memory test but rather measuring reading ability.
  - 2) A student cannot take a quiz until they have read the entire text.
  - 3) Quizzes must be done individually, not with anyone's help.

# Exploring AR



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- Using these three icons the children can explore how they scored on their quizzes, which books they have read and the progress that they have made.
- They love to see the books build up on the bookshelf.
- The teachers in school will also be able to monitor the progress the children are making at home.

