

progress towards targets. Log-in details are sent home at the start of the academic year, however if you are unable to locate this information, please contact the Library by telephoning the school on the number overleaf.

### Helpful Websites

[www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

If your child has books at home which they already enjoy reading, they can type the titles of the books into the search bar on this website to see whether they are part of the AR programme. The site will tell them which ZPD level the book is and how many points they gain for reading it.

[www.renlearn.co.uk](http://www.renlearn.co.uk)

This website contains more information on Accelerated Reader, including a comprehensive guide for parents and success stories from other schools using the programme.

*“Accelerated Reader (AR) produces an average of two years’ reading age growth in just one academic year while promoting reading for pleasure” -*

*Renaissance Learning website.*

### ZPD

	0.0-1.9
	2.0-2.9
	3.0-3.9
	4.0-4.9
	5.0-5.9
	6.0-6.9
	7.0-7.9
	8.0-8.9
	9.0 +

*ZPD levels are divided into different colours. Students can tell which level each book is by the colour of the sticker on the spine of the book.*

### Contact Us

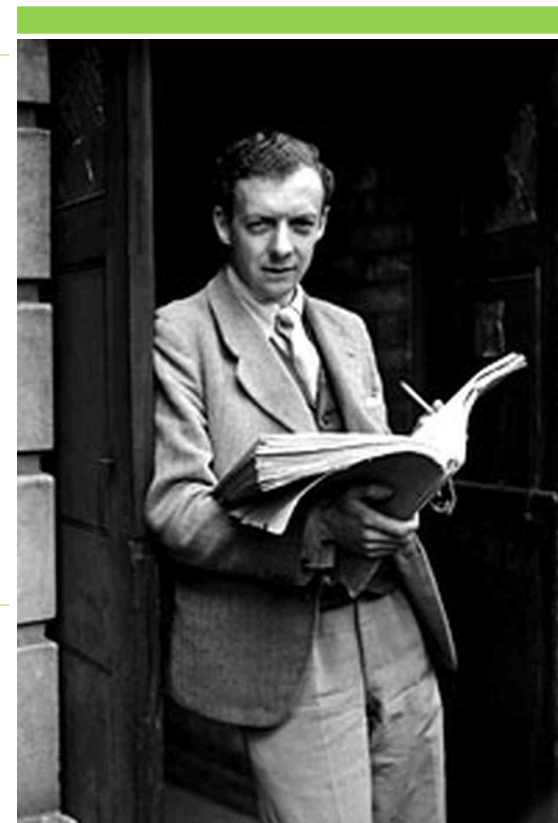
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## Accelerated Reader™



## ACCELERATED READER

at **BENJAMIN BRITTEN ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND MATHEMATICS**



## What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a software assessment tool used to monitor and manage independent reading practice. Teachers are able to create reading programmes tailored to meet the individual needs of each student, regardless of age and ability, with the effect of developing vocabulary growth, literacy skills and reading skills.

### Star Assessments.

Each student takes a Star Assessment when they start the AR programme. The results of this will tell us their National Curriculum Reading Level, chronological reading age and Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD).

The ZPD relates to the level of books your child will be reading within a range which is neither too easy nor too challenging for them, ensuring they are capable of reaching their full potential on the programme.

Star Assessments will take place four times a year and screening reports will be used to check on the progress of your child.

## Choosing a book.

Students are encouraged to select books of their own choice from the Library. They will be asked to start at their lowest colour and work their way up their ZPD range.

Books are graded according to the ATOS™ readability formula and the level is calculated by the difficulty of the text.

Students are asked to take responsibility for their own reading practice by returning and borrowing books from the school Library.

Each student will be expected to have a quiz book at all times and should complete and quiz at least two books per month.

### AR Quizzes.

When students finish their book they do a 'Reading Practice' quiz. This takes about two minutes and each quiz consists of 3, 5, 10 or 20 multiple-choice questions depending on the length and complexity of the book. Each student begins with a target of achieving 85% correct answers in the quiz, although we are happy to increase targets for students depending on individual achievement.

## Monitoring reading practice.

Students are monitored on a bi-weekly basis through reading practice reports. These reports indicate how well they are doing in their quizzes, how many books they are reading and how much time they are spending reading on average each day. Students have a library lesson once a fortnight where each student is seen individually for an informal chat with their teacher or Library staff.

### What can I do?

Students should be reading between 20-35 minutes a day. There is a correlation between students reading within their ZPD for this amount of time and those achieving averages of 90% on their quiz scores.

You should read with your child daily, asking questions about what is being read in order to check comprehension.

Reading and quizzing is also encouraged during registration, before and after school and at break and lunch times in the Library.

### AR Home Connect

Home Connect is where parents, carers and students can log in from home and view reading practice quiz results and