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Accelerated Reader

There are many little ways
to enlarge your child's world.
Love of books is the best of all.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis



What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer - passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read.

Teachers may assist pupils by:

- Guiding them to books appropriate to their ability and interests
- Asking probing questions as your child reads and before quizzing
- Pairing your child with others, reading with or reading to your child.

Since they are reading books at their own reading and interest levels, most children are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes. Best of all they learn and grow at their own pace.



**Accelerated
Reader™**

Star Reading

- 20 minute computer-adaptive test used to assess reading ability.
- Tracks reading growth.
- Provides students with a personalised reading range called the ZPD, and teachers with data to monitor student progress.






Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)

A range of book levels recommended for each student based on their reading ability
The student has free rein to choose books from within their entire ZPD range

Too Easy	ZPD: Just Right				Too Hard
2.8	3.2	3.8	4.4	5.0	5.4
					

Book Levels

Accelerated Reader Levelling Colours	
Colour	Level
	.5 - .9
	1.0 - 1.4
	1.5 - 1.9
	2.0 - 2.4
	2.5 - 2.9
	3.0 - 3.4
	3.5 - 3.9
	4.0 - 4.4
	4.5 - 4.9
	5.0 - 5.4
	5.5 - 5.9
	6.0+

- Books levels range from .5 - 13.5. Every book has a quiz and children can earn points based on how well they passed the quiz. The longer the book, the more points it is worth.
- All books also have an interest level. Books can be one of the three interest levels: lower years (ages 5-8), middle years (ages 9-13) and upper years (ages 14+). The books your child can select from in their classroom will always be suited for their interest level.



Teachers Monitor Pupil Progress

- Accelerated Reader provides instant feedback and tracks all scores
- Teachers monitor children's progress through questioning, book reviews and quiz results.
- Children should aim to get 85% or above on their comprehension quizzes. This indicates good comprehension and will lead to greater progress in reading ability.

A Book Review

By _____

A picture from the book:

Book title: _____

Type of book: _____

My favourite character:

Three words to describe this character:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

A setting in the story:

Three words to describe this setting:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What is this story about?

♥ What was your favourite part? Why?

Reading this book made me wonder about:

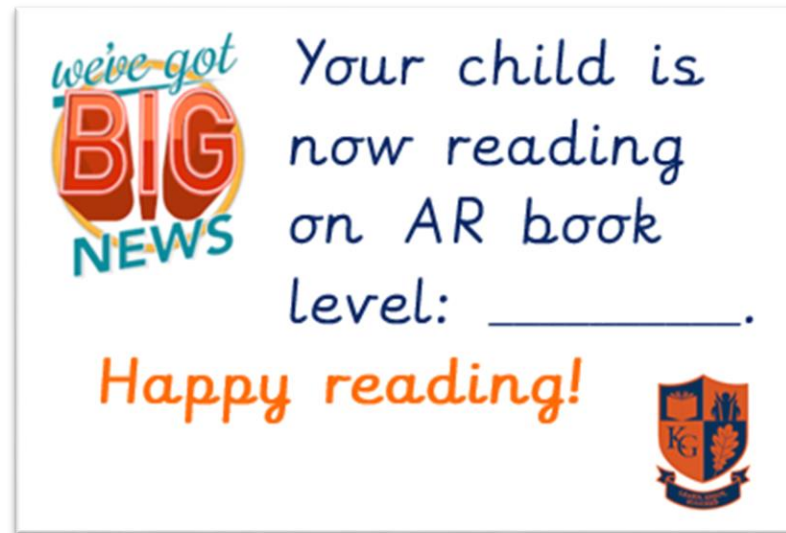
Give this book a rating out of 5.

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Teachers Monitor Pupil Progress

- You will be notified in your child's home learning record book when your child moves up a book level. Don't forget to make comments in your child's home learning record about their reading.



Comprehension

- Questions to ask before, during and after reading
- Vocabulary words to point out and practise using in every day life context
- Connect to story (visualise, experience, feelings, stories)
- Ask a range of questions (who, what, when, which, why, how)

Costa's Levels of Questioning



Level 3

THE ANSWER CANNOT BE FOUND ONLY IN THE TEXT! USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CLUES FROM THE TEXT TO HELP YOU.

Level 2

YOU NEED TO LOOK IN MORE THAN ONE PLACE TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION!

Level 1

THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION CAN BE FOUND DIRECTLY IN THE TEXT!

Example of Comprehension Exercise

Costa's Levels of Questioning



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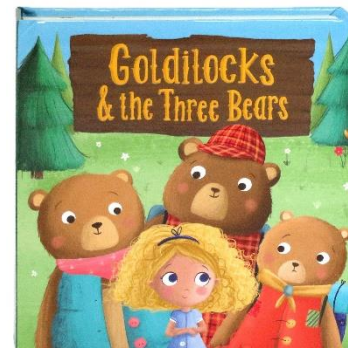
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Level 1

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TEXT!

- Why do you think Goldilocks went inside the three bears house? What might she be thinking in the end of the story?
- What did Goldilocks do when she entered the three bears' house?
- What colour is Goldilocks' hair?



Help Your Child Become a Better Reader

- Practise! Children should be reading 15-20 minutes everyday. Read with your child every day. Make it part of your routine. Once your child is reading, take turns to read to and listen to your child read.
- Provide a variety of experiences for your child. Many reading comprehension problems occur because a child lacks background information that would give meaning to words on a page.
- Be seen as a reader.
- Visit a library.



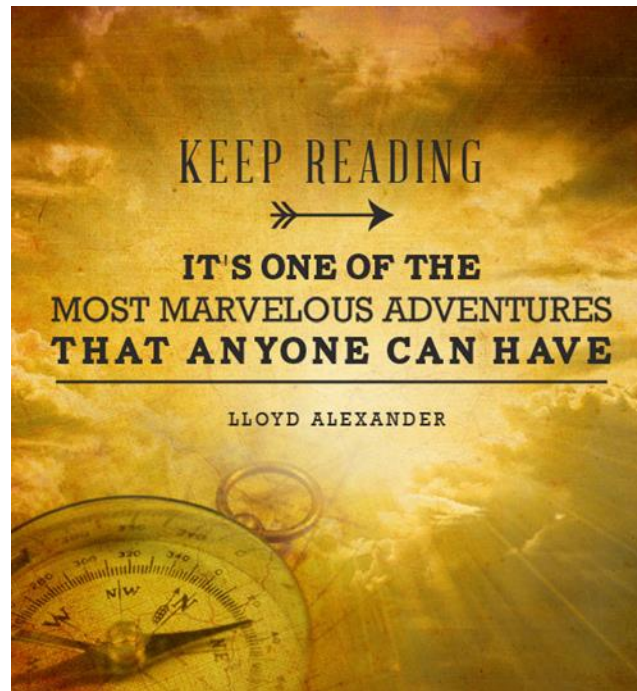
Book Changing

- The way we change children's books will be different as they move onto Accelerated Reader.
- **Children must bring book they are reading at home to school everyday.** They will read the same book at home and school and when ready, they will take the quiz. When they take the quiz, their book will be changed.
- Some children may only need a couple of days to read book before taking the quiz, whilst others may need 3-4 days. It also depends on length and difficulty of book. The more your child reads at home, the more likely they will be ready to take the quiz sooner. The teacher will decide if a child is ready to take their quiz by asking comprehension questions and based on the book review that the pupil has completed for their book.



Further Information

- AR BookFinder is a website where you can search for books with Accelerated Reader quizzes and AR book levels. <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>
- Do you have any other questions?





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Dankie Gracias
Спасибо شُكراً
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Grazie Dziękujemy Děkojame
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Thank You Tak
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Σας Ευχαριστούμ 감사합니다
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Bedankt Děkuje vám
ありがとうございます
Tack