

# WINSLOW C of E COMBINED SCHOOL



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## Accelerated Reader at Winslow Church of England School 2018-19

We have been fortunate enough to have had access to Accelerated Reader (AR) in school for nearly a year and we are really proud of how our children have taken this change to their school reading practice with lots of progress made in all year groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to explain to you a bit more about the AR approach to reading and its advantages to your children.

All children in Key Stage 2 take a **'Star Test'** at the beginning of each academic year and this is repeated at intervals through the year. The test is done online and is an 'intelligent' test using computer adaptive technology – making the questions harder if a question is answered correctly, and making questions easier when a question is answered incorrectly.

The result of this allows staff to level the children. The levels of the books are linked to colours and range in numbers from 0.5 (green) to 6+ (pink). The children are given a **'Reading Range'** to guide them to a correct ability level of book within the library. For example, a year 3 child might be given the reading range of 2.4 – 2.9; this would indicate that they would need to be choosing a library book from the Orange level (orange stickers on the spine). Each book has its exact number reading level on the sticker inside the front cover of each book.

The Reading range should give the children books that they are comfortable with as well as books that will provide more challenge. All children are allowed to choose their accelerated reader book as well as a library book so there is a lot of choice to hold everyone's interest. Children should choose an Accelerated Reader book within their Reading range; they are also allowed another loan which is a free choice.

Once they have finished reading their AR book the children need to take a **'Book Quiz'** in school – we would recommend this is done as soon as possible once the book has been read. Passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood the book being read.

Because children 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 are learning at their own pace. Children will be rewarded in a variety of ways throughout the year for their successes and commitment to AR.



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How can I help as a Parent?

We would like you to encourage your child with their reading and as such you can access their quiz results by using the following link to '**Renaissance Home Connect**'.

<https://ukhosted39.renlearn.co.uk/2233402/HomeConnect>

Using your child's username and password you can keep up to date with their reading and quiz results – you can even set up an email alert to let you know when they have taken a quiz and what their score was.

Another way of helping your child is to help them choose a new book by working with them to identify books they enjoy and checking to see if they have an AR quiz using the 'AR Bookfinder'. Over 154,000 books have a quiz. If your child has a book at home or from the town library that they have read – they can take a quiz in school about that book. It means they can earn even more reading points. The only limit to how many quizzes they can take is the number of books they can read and understand that have a quiz! Our library is good but it doesn't contain all 154,000 books!

All children are given time during the week or day that they can complete their quizzes. Children have the opportunity to take quizzes either in the library, in the classroom or during their ICT lessons.

Don't forget that the Summer Reading Challenge is about to start at our local libraries. This year's theme is Mischief Makers – There are plenty of pranks and a ton of fun waiting for all! [www.mischeif-makers.org.uk](http://www.mischeif-makers.org.uk)

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