

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to update you with some exciting improvements with regards to the teaching of reading in school.

Thanks to funding provided by FOSPA and some incredibly hard work from parent helpers in school, we have now launched the Accelerated Reader (AR) programme from years 2 - 6, which enables us to accurately match reading books to children's current reading ability and helps teachers to assess, manage and monitor independent reading practise. (Please note that years R and 1 will continue to use Little Wandle).

How it works?

- In school children choose a book at their own level and read it at their own pace. (All children from year 2 – 6 have been assessed on the computers in school using Accelerated Reader. As a result of this, each child is or will be coming home with a colour banded book. These books are meant to challenge them without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Please note that the colours in the Accelerated Reader system do not match ones that children may have previously come across in school).
- When they are finished, children are able to take a short quiz on the computer if they would like to. This allows them to show their understanding of the text they have read. (*Details of how to do this at home are on the second page of this letter*).

Why are we now using Accelerated Reader?

The thinking behind this new approach is that because children are reading books at their own reading and interest levels, they are more likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes; sometimes children can be put off reading by choosing books that are too challenging or be unsure of what book to choose. Accelerated Reader helps us to guide children in their choices.

Encouraging a love of reading

Our priority in school is to help children develop a love of reading. We are very grateful for the huge support that parents give us by encouraging children to read and provide books from home for them to enjoy.

We encourage parents to continue doing this. You are now able to check that the book they are reading is at an appropriate level within Accelerated Reader. Parents can visit <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk> to search all of the available books with AR quizzes to see if the book their child is reading is on the database. If it's not, then children can still read the book, but we encourage them to also have a book from school that is colour matched to their ability. If you would like to search for a book before buying it as a gift, please see page 3 for how to search for colour appropriate books.

If you have any questions, please contact either your class teacher or Mr. Hill and we will do our best to help you.

For details of how to use make use of the online quizzes relating to the book your child is reading, please see over.

Thank you as always for your continued support and we hope that the children enjoy using Accelerated Reader.

Kind regards,

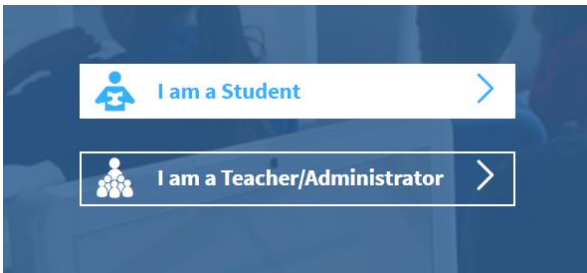
Mr.Hill

Assistant Headteacher


How to take an online quiz using Accelerated Reader

When your child has finished reading their book, they can take a quiz online at home. This is a really useful way of seeing what they have learnt. Quizzes are best taken within 24 hours of finishing the book

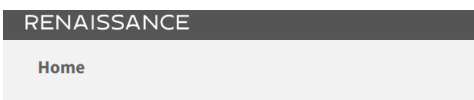
- Use this URL to go to the quiz: <https://ukhosted27.renlearn.co.uk/6712704/>
- Click on 'I am a Student'



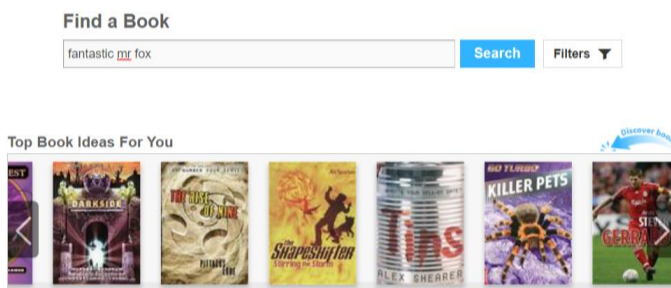
- Children will be asked for a username and password. This can be found in their reading record.

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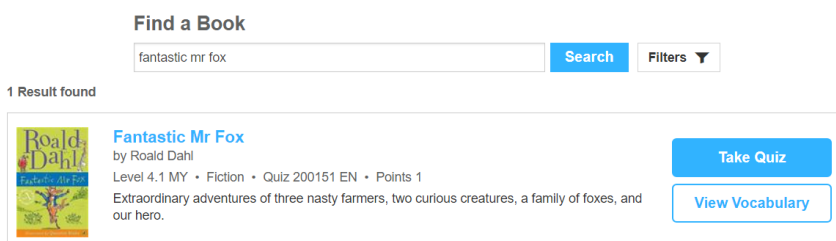
- Click on 'Accelerated Reader'



- Enter the book title

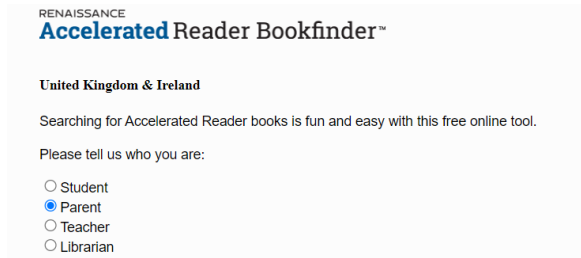


- Click on 'Take Quiz'



How to search for a colour-appropriate book on AR Book Finder

Go to AR Book Finder and click on parent



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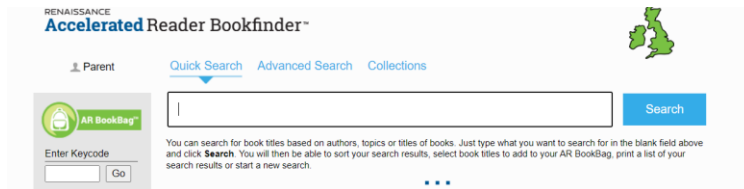
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Searching for Accelerated Reader books is fun and easy with this free online tool.

Please tell us who you are:

Student
 Parent
 Teacher
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Click on **Advanced Search**



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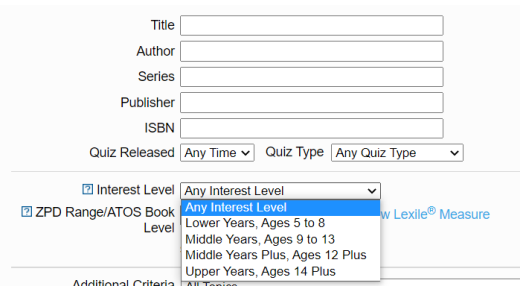
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AR BookBag™

Enter Keywordcode [] Go

You can search for book titles based on authors, topics or titles of books. Just type what you want to search for in the blank field above and click **Search**. You will then be able to sort your search results, select book titles to add to your AR BookBag, print a list of your search results or start a new search.

Select an interest level based on the **age** of your child:



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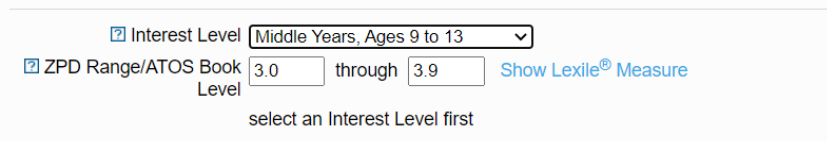
Quiz Released [Any Time] Quiz Type [Any Quiz Type]

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ZPD Range/ATOS Book Level [] through []

Additional Criteria []

Type in the ZPD range (see below*) that corresponds to the colour(s) your child is reading at










Interest Level [Middle Years, Ages 9 to 13]

ZPD Range/ATOS Book Level [3.0] through [3.9] [Show Lexile® Measure](#)

select an Interest Level first

*The numbering system that corresponds to the colour bands used in school is called a ZPD:

0.5 – 0.6 = Lilac		2.1 – 2.3 = Brown	
0.7 – 0.8 = Yellow		2.4 – 2.7 = Grey	
0.9 – 1.0 = Red		2.7 – 2.9 = White	
1.1 – 1.2 = Blue		3.0 – 3.9 = Purple	
1.3. – 1.4 = Pink		4.0 – 4.9 = Black	
1.5 – 1.6 = Green		5.0 – 5.9 = Burgundy	
1.7 – 1.8 = Orange		6.0 – 6.9 = Turquoise	
1.9 – 2.0 = Lime		7.0 – 7.9 = Gold	
		8.0 – 9.0 = Dark Blue	