

Accelerated Reader (AR) is the home reading scheme we use when children have completed the RWI programme.

At the start of the academic year, children take a STAR Reading test to gain a ZPD range. This informs the teacher, child and parents / carers of the reading level and books the child can access. The books are banded based on content and interest levels.

AR books are stored in ZPD sections within the library and children independently access these. Children read their books at home and at school (during the morning task) and complete an online quiz when they have completed it. This can be completed at school or at home.

A score of 85% or above indicates a good level of understanding. If a child is scoring below 85%, they should be encouraged to choose from the lower end of their ZPD range until a good level of understanding is achieved. Similarly, if a child is regularly scoring 100%, they should be encouraged to choose a book from the top of their ZPD range. Teachers and the designated Reading Champion will monitor this weekly.

STAR Test

A STAR Test is taken at the beginning of the school year as a baseline and subsequently at the end of each half term.

Teachers record the ZPD range in the children's planner following the STAR Tests (every half term).

Teachers also need to record the children's reading age every half term on the year group assessment grid and bring this information to pupil progress meetings.

STAR Tests provide a range of diagnostic information that can be used to review progress and set targets including:

- reports that will be shared with parents and carers
- a Reading Range Report which details the ZPD and reading ages of children
- a Growth Report to show progress between assessment points

The Reading Range report is used by staff, the librarian and the Reading Champion to ensure children are selecting books from the appropriate range. This is monitored by the English Lead.