

Certificates

As the children read books and complete quizzes, they will earn certificates. The criteria for gaining their next certificate depends on which level they are working at, so does not correlate to the sunflower on their page.

Below is an explanation of how they reach their next certificate:

Ready reader - Earn 5 points by reading books at any level, either on your own or with an adult. You can get 5 ready reader certificates before moving to the next stage.

Independent reader - Read 3 books at 1.2 or higher, and earn 10 points reading on your own. You only get this once before moving on.

Rising reader - Read 3 books at 1.6 or higher and earn 10 points reading on your own. You can earn this 5 times before moving on to the next level.

Super reader - Read 3 books at 2.0 or higher, each worth at least 1 point, on your own. You can earn this 5 times before moving on.

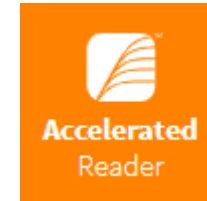
Advanced reader - Read 3 books at 3.0+, each worth at least 2 points, on your own. You can earn this 5 times before moving on.

Star reader - Read 3 books at 4.0 or higher, each worth at least 4 points, on your own. You can earn this 5 times before moving on.

Classic reader - Read 3 books at 6.0+, each worth at least 7 points, on your own. You can earn this 5 times before moving on.

Certificates are handed out once every half term, so they may not get the certificate immediately when they have completed the correct number of books

A Parent's Guide To Accelerated Reader



What is Accelerated Reader?

This is a computer program that we use to ensure children in KS2 are reading books at an appropriate level for them, enabling us to monitor if they are able to read the book, as well as, if they have a good understanding of what they are reading.

- ♦ All KS2 children take a Star reader test in school at the beginning of each term, which establishes what range of levels they should be reading.
- ♦ This range will be shared with you in their reading record. They can then choose their reading book from that range of levels.
- ♦ After they have read a book, they take a quiz on the computer, either at home or at school, to assess how well they have understood the text and earn points towards certificates for reading.

Quizzes

After each book is read, children are expected to take a quiz to see if they have understood what they are reading. They can take these quizzes at home or in school. However, **it is important that they read both the questions and answer choices themselves, as this is part of the assessment.**

In order to take a quiz at home:

- Go to <https://ukhosted22.renlearn.co.uk/2240164/> or the link on our school website. Do not put AR into a search engine, as it won't take you to our school's page.
- Use the username and password given to your child.
- Select Accelerated reader (do not do Star reader tests at home please).
- Put in the quiz number from the label inside the book. (If the book doesn't have a quiz number, you can search by title).
- Select Take quiz, then select whether the book was read to them, they read in partnership with an adult, or read by themselves. Reading by themselves should also be selected if they read it to an adult, but the adult didn't read any of it to them.

If your child didn't pass the quiz, then this is an indication that they haven't understood what they were reading. They may have skim-read it, or it may be too difficult for them. Their teacher will monitor their scores, but if you have any concerns, please do speak to them.

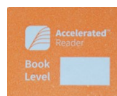
AR terms explained

Each book on the AR system will have a sticker on the inside cover, as well as stickers on the spine. Here are some explanations of what these mean.

ATOS BL—This is the level of the book, e.g. 3.4, and indicates how difficult the book is in terms of vocabulary, length and complexity. Children may choose any book (fiction or non-fiction) within the range that they are given.

Points— Children gain points when they complete a quiz. These correspond to the length and difficulty of the book, and they will only gain points if they score well on the quiz. E.g. On a 5 point book, they will get 5 points for scoring 100%, 4 points for scoring 80%... On screen, these points contribute to filling their sunflower, but they also build towards certificates.

IL—This is the interest level of the book. Whilst children may be able to read higher level books, the content may not always be appropriate for their age. Therefore, this gives us an indication of what age it might be appropriate for.



LY (orange sticker on the spine) is for Year 3 upwards



MY (blue sticker on the spine) is for Year 4 upwards



UY (with a lime sticker too) is for **Year 6 only**