

Accelerated Reader

At Ryecroft, we use Accelerated Reader (AR) to monitor, structure and reward our pupils' reading across the school.

The ZPD score that children receive through regular Star Reading assessments enables them to choose books that they will find engaging and appropriately challenging.

Their ZPD will be used to inform a personalised reading target which your child will receive at the beginning of each new term.



Click the **AR BookFinder** button to find out whether a book is within your child's ZPD range.

Reading Practice Quizzes

When pupils have finished a book, they should log onto AR at our link to take a quiz. If they pass, their word count score will increase which will enable them to access rewards within school.

Pupils have their own login cards to help them recall their details and these should not be shared with other students.

Vocabulary Quizzes

When pupils have finished a book, they can choose in addition to a Reading Practice Quiz. These are good opportunities for pupils to use and apply new vocabulary. Teachers will occasionally set these for homework.

Recommended Reads

Please take a look at these examples for ideas on what to read. Feel free to look at suggestions for the year group above for an additional challenge.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>

Reading Rewards

We are excited to announce that our Accelerated Reader Rewards system has been updated for this year.

Children will be rewarded for their reading, increasing their word count score and completing quizzes through:

1. Regular Reader achievement points which will be shared on SIMS each week
2. Reading Riches certificates which will be given out in achievement assembly when pupils reach milestones.
3. Millionaire certificates which will be given out in achievement assembly and Word Millionaire achievement points (worth 5 points per million words). Pupil names will be shared in our newsletter for each new million they hit.
4. A choice of prize if pupils hit their termly target.

Supporting Pupils To Read

As parents/carers, please offer support by encouraging your child to become a frequent reader. These pupils read for pleasure, '5 to 7 days per week, and read around 44 books per year.' (Scholastic) Pupils should aim to read within their ZPD range for 30 minutes at least five times per week.

Join your local library to help your child explore new reading material – many libraries offer free audiobooks through Borrow Box which many children enjoy.

Pupils will be offered 'Read and Relax' sessions every 2 weeks as part of their English lessons. Our school library will also be open at lunchtime and on some evenings after school.

If your child needs additional support with reading- we will contact you to discuss how we can all work together to improve their skills.

Please contact Ms. Simon for further information and advice:
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