



**Rossett School**

Success for everyone

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have now successfully enrolled every child in Year 7 and 8 onto the Accelerated Reader programme. While some of the students are confident users of the system, this letter is to provide more detailed information and what will be expected of each child during this academic year.

### **What is Accelerated Reader?**

AR is a computer programme that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practise. Your child picks a book at their level and reads it at their own pace at home, and during their weekly AR session in English and Form Time. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz with 85% correct or more shows that they have understood what they have read. AR gives children and teachers instant feedback based on quiz results, which the teacher then uses to set goals and direct ongoing reading practise.

### **How we determine your child's reading level**

Teachers determine your child's reading through an online reading test: STAR reading. Every half term your child will complete this test and this will provide the teacher with the correct level range for each child. This will then be shared with your child and they will know which books they can choose appropriate to the level they have been given.

### **Book level – what is this?**

Your child will be given a book level after they have completed their STAR reading test. This level will be within a range, e.g. 3.2 – 5.1. This allows your child the freedom to choose books they would like to read within this range. We will encourage students to begin choosing books from the beginning of the range as a starting point. Children are free to choose any book, so long as it is in their reading level range. They can change their books as frequently as they want, so long as they have completed a quiz on the current book within school.

### **Reading book quizzes within school**

After your child has finished reading their book, they will have a 24-hour window to complete a quiz at school. Reading practise quizzes are the most common types of assessment in AR. The purpose of these quizzes is to determine whether your child has read a book, to measure literal comprehension of the book, and to provide immediate feedback. Each reading practice quiz consists of 3, 5, 10 or 20 multiple-choice questions depending on book level and length. Students will be given a percentage to show their level of success when answering the questions upon completion. The quiz is considered successful when 85% of the questions are answered correctly.

### Targets – certificate and points

After a book is read and a quiz has been completed, students are awarded points. These points are cumulative and each student has been set a personalised amount of points to achieve by the end of the academic year. This can be seen on the students' AR account under 'progress'. Likewise, students have also been set a personalised certificate target. Once these have been achieved, the student's teacher will email them their certificate and set the next certification level for them to strive towards. The criteria for these certification levels can also be found on the students AR account under 'progress'.

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Rewarding reading

As well as celebrating success via certificates, we will be setting the students different challenges to ensure maximum reading takes place. For the first term, this challenge will be for all students to accurately read as many books in their reading range as they can. The highest achieving class in Year 7 and Year 8 will each receive a class treat before the Christmas holidays.

Accelerated Reader – Home Connect

'Home Connect' is a brilliant, new additional service we have access to as part of AR. This allows you to login and see your child's 'bookshelf', including which books have been read and when, as well as how successful they were with the quizzes taken. You can log on from the following link and use your child's login details to gain access. One feature we highly recommend using is the 'email setup' – where you can register to be notified via email whenever your child takes a quiz, including their success.

<https://ukhosted43.renlearn.co.uk/2036495/homeconnect/>

If you have any further questions about Accelerated Reader, please do not hesitate to contact me directly [btolliday@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:btolliday@rossettschool.co.uk)

Your sincerely

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