

## Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is the software that students use to quiz on the books they have read at home. It supports teachers to check that students are regularly reading and understanding what they are reading. It is rewarded in school through our regular bronze, silver and gold Accelerated Reader certificates. Each half-term, your child will have a report sent home to keep you updated with their progress. The information below is designed to help you understand these reports. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Key Terms

**ZPD:** This is the Zone of Proximal Development. It suggests books that suit your child's current reading ability. Your child may read above this zone, but must understand these books may be tricky for them.

**Reading Age:** The age of your child's reading ability. The aim is that this matches or exceeds your child's actual age.

### Supporting at Home

- ✓ We encourage every child to read for 15 minutes every weekday.
- ✓ If your child struggles on a sentence, word or phrase, ask them to repeat reading it until they read it automatically.
- ✓ Share conversations with your children about the books they have read on these reports, and the books they are reading.
- ✓ The website [arbookfinder.com](http://arbookfinder.com) lists the ZPD of lots of books, including newer books. If your child is reading a book from home, or has asked for a book for Christmas, this is a great place to check how it suits their reading ability. However, don't prevent your child from trying a book outside their ZPD, but help them understand it could be tricky for them.

### The Reports

The STAR student report shows your child's progress at each assessment point. This will come home termly. Some children receiving additional intervention may receive these half-termly.

