



## Accelerated Reader Programme



The new reading programme at Birchensale is Accelerated Reader (AR). The AR programme is designed to develop and improve reading ability and through on-line tests and book quizzes pupils are guided to books appropriate to their reading age and ability. They are also rewarded for their reading progress.

The Accelerated Reader programme helps pupils to:

- be motivated readers
- improve reading
- choose books that are suitable to their reading level and/or suitably challenging for them
- develop a lifelong love of reading

As part of the AR Programme pupils:

- ✓ Take a Star Reader Test
- ✓ Are then given a Reading Age and AR zone
- ✓ Borrow a book from within that zone
- ✓ Read the book
- ✓ Take a quiz about that book
- ✓ Aim to achieve at least 85% in the quiz
- ✓ Earn points for each quiz
- ✓ Achieve rewards and certificates
- ✓ Progress through the AR zones
- ✓ Always have their AR book with them

Pupils should always have their AR book with them in school, this will be known by a coloured number on the spine of the book and the quiz label on the inside cover.

Once the book is finished the pupil should be encouraged to quiz on it within 48 hours. They can use the library to quiz on a book before school, at lunchtime and after school, as well as during their Accelerated Reader English lessons.

The questions in the quizzes are fairly detailed so a pupil needs to read and thoroughly understand a book before quizzing.

Pupils should not have AR books that are above or below their reading zones. If the book is too high they will not understand some of the words and will struggle with the understanding and therefore the quizzing. If the book is too low a level then it will be too easy for them and they will not be improving their reading.

Pupils should not be assisted when they are taking a book quiz, this includes helping with difficult words, as this will give a false result.