

# GOSBECKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Accelerated reader



After the Christmas break we are very excited to be launching Accelerated reader for all pupils in KS 2. A huge thank you to the PTA who have part funded this. What is accelerated reader and how it will affect my child's reading?

What is Renaissance Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a reading program that helps teachers support and monitor children's reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short online quiz to measure how much of the book they understood.

What is a Renaissance Star Reading test?

Star Reading is an online test used to measure your child's reading level. The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes around 20 minutes. Your child has already taken the test and will soon find out what their reading level is and which books they will be able to select.

How do students select books?

AR includes over 30,000 books, some of which we have within our own library. These can be found in the school library as well as public libraries, books shops, homes, etc. Each book is assigned three scores to help your child make a suitable choice:

Book Level	Points	Interest Level
Book Levels represent the difficulty of the text. The Star Reading test tells your child what range of Book Levels to read within. This is called the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD).	Books are assigned Points based on their word count. Points are earned by passing quizzes. Students are set personalised targets each term by their teacher.	The Interest Level indicates for which age group a book is suitable for. It does this based on the content and themes.

How can I help my child become a better reader?

- Make time for them to read at home. Children need to read for at least 20 minutes every day to improve their reading ability.
- Encourage your child to read; discuss books, asking questions about what they have read; and visit your local library.
- Find suitable books for your child at [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk). Use the Search function to look for specific titles or topics, or go to Advanced Search to browse for books within your child's ZPD and interest level.

We are going to extend the range of books we have in the library. Thank you for all the donations so far. Now we can see which sections of the library we need to develop further we will putting in a large order to supplement our existing stocks.

Happy reading!