

Home Learning Task: Accelerated Reader

At Darlington, we know that having the ability to choose books encourages reading for pleasure and personal interest. This year, children in Key Stage 2 will continue using the Accelerated Reader (AR) program.

How often should my child?

Children should be encouraged to read each day for approximately 20 minutes. Reading could be with an adult or undertaken independently.



Where can my child log on to Accelerated Reader?

The link can be found on the Darlington Academy website under: Parents/software links
You can also use the following link <https://ukhosted20.renlearn.co.uk/2237772/>.

Does it matter which book my child reads?

Teachers will share your child's 'ZPD' - the range of book levels your child should read in order to develop their reading skills. There are over 40,000 books on the AR system (with more added every week) enabling your child to choose books from school, the local library or home. Our school books have AR stickers on them to make it easy to tell whether it is in your child's ZPD. The guide below helps explain the likely experience of your child choosing books relative to their ZPD:

BELOW ZPD Comfort Zone	LOWER ZPD Exploration Zone	UPPER ZPD Deep Dive	ABOVE ZPD Read Together
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is an easier read, perfect for reading at home or on holiday• Maybe it's part of a series you enjoy or is by an author you really like• Ask your teacher first	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go wild and try something new!• Explore new genres, authors and book lengths• Challenge yourself if you can	 <p>Plan ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Choose a book you are excited about✓ Pick a shorter book first✓ Make notes as you read – remember the 5Ws!✓ Ask your teacher for advice	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a challenging read• Who would enjoy reading this book with you?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A parent?- An older sibling?- A friend?• Ask your teacher first

Once your child has completed reading their book, they should login to Accelerated Reader and complete their online quiz.

Celebrating success

This year we will be celebrating 'the number of words a child reads' rather than 'the number of books read'. There are celebratory milestones of 10,000, 50,000, 100,000, 500,000 and a million words.

So let's get reading and enjoy the wonderful world of books!

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