



# Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy

*"Every child is cherished as a unique individual" – Ofsted 2012*

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'All things are possible'

Dear Parents

## What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is the reading scheme we use in across key stage 1 & 2 in conjunction with our Little Wandle phonics scheme. Accelerated Reading (AR) is a programme used to motivate students to increase their reading & vocabulary comprehension and guide them further to independent reading.

## How does AR work?

1. Each child is tested termly (a short online quiz) and assigned a book level based on the result of their test (the test will give a "ZPD" score, which tells us the level to **challenge and support** each child).
2. Pupils then choose an AR book based on their interest and reading level.
3. When they have finished reading the book, they take the AR quiz on the website to assess their comprehension. This will be done at school identified reading time. As children move through the school they can also access these at home (without adult support)
4. If a child gains 100% on a quiz they are able to choose a book from the next level. If not, the children will remain on their current level – it is likely they need more practice in developing their comprehension skills. Quizzes will be monitored in school and through the AR system and depending on results, a child may be moved levels to support them further.

## How can I help my child?

1. Encourage them to read their AR book each night (along with you) Signing or commenting the diary helps us keep track of reading and helps us to identify any child who needs additional support.
2. Ask them about their AR books as they read to develop their comprehension
3. Give lots of encouragement!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs G Clark  
Deputy Headteacher



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