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- **Accelerated Reader** combines two key elements of baseline assessment and personalised reading practice to promote reading for pleasure and encourage pupils to use reading to learn.



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- Motivate pupils of all ages and abilities to read more and better books
- Raise literacy standards amongst all pupils from Years 3 to 6
- Diagnose problems and direct ongoing reading practice
- Develop a lifelong love of reading in our pupils

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- A. **Inform** instruction with simple, effective STAR Reading assessment that accurately establishes each pupil's reading age and National Curriculum level
- B. **Engage** pupils with over 18,000 fun, motivational Accelerated Reader quizzes on popular books ranging from The Hungry Caterpillar to Roald Dahl and the Harry Potter series to the Classics.
  - Reading time- school and at home.
  - Quiz (at school only)
  - Report. (Available at home.)
- C. **Achieve** improved standards of literacy across the class, Year Group or school – with each pupil progressing at their own level



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- **A: INFORM**
- The **STAR Reading** component of **Accelerated Reader Advantage** (ARA) is computer-adaptive baseline assessment software that quickly and accurately establishes the actual reading level of individual pupils so that growth can be easily measured and tracked over time.
- Up to 16 key reports are available that aid screening, placement, progress monitoring, growth measurement and Response to Intervention (RTI). The wealth of information available can be used to inform the creation of a personalised reading plan for every pupil.
- Each assessment completed establishes a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) for use with Accelerated Reader, in addition to a National Curriculum level and sub-level.



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- **B: ENGAGE**
- The main component of **Accelerated Reader Advantage** is **Accelerated Reader**, which utilises the STAR Reading results to offer fun, motivational quizzes based on the books deemed most suitable for pupils according to their individual ZPD.
- The ZPD identifies a Book Level (an appropriate reading range) for each pupil containing books that are deemed neither too easy nor too challenging, so that they can enjoy the text and gain the necessary reading practice to improve.
- Once completed, the pupil takes a fun, motivational **Accelerated Reader** (AR) quiz based on the text. Over 18,000 popular fiction and non-fiction titles have already been quizzed, with a further 200 added each month. In addition to these Comprehension quizzes, Vocabulary and Literacy Skills quizzes are also available on a number of titles.
- Both the pupil and teacher receive the results of the quiz the moment it has been completed in the form of a TOPS (The Opportunity to Praise Students) report, which details whether or not the recommended 85% pass level has been reached and highlights areas for improvement. In addition to providing valuable information for the teacher, it makes an excellent home-school report that keeps parents and guardians regularly informed of reading progress.
- Pupils earn points each time they successfully complete a quiz, which count towards their individual and class targets set by the teacher using the information provided by STAR Reading. This competitive element of the program really engages and motivates pupils of all ages to pick up another book as soon as they have successfully quizzed their last one.



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- **C: ACHIEVE**
- Schools using **Accelerated Reader Advantage** achieve an average of two years' reading growth in just one academic year – with some reporting as much as four years in the same period.
- In addition to improved standards of literacy across the class, Year Group or school thanks to informed instruction and personalised reading practice, ARA places the library at the heart of the school – and significantly boosts book circulation.
- Every school using ARA receives online and on-site training by a designated Implementation Specialist, has access to help and support from our Customer Services Team, and can share hints, tips and best practices with other schools using the program at free local events.