

Dear Parent/Carer,

Exciting news...***Accelerated Reader*** is at Oakwood Primary Academy!

As you will no doubt be aware, the new National Curriculum has raised the expectations of pupils' reading ability in every year group. These higher expectations are very challenging. It is expected that every child becomes a confident, rapid, fluent reader, with refined comprehension skills at a young age. To help our pupils reach this standard and encourage them to develop a life-long love of reading, we have invested in ***Accelerated Reader***.

Accelerated Reader is an online reading comprehension programme. Years 3-6 children will select a book from our library that has a colour band and a level. Your child will have their own individual range from which to choose their books eg. 2.5-3.6. The colour code helps them to select a book easily from looking at the spines:

Level 0.1 to 1.5 = green
Level 1.6 to 2.0 = dark pink
Level 2.1 to 2.5 = purple
Level 2.6 to 3.0 = yellow
Level 3.1 to 3.5 = dark blue
Level 3.6 to 4.0 = orange
Level 4.1 to 4.5 = white
Level 4.6 to 5.0 = brown
Level 5.1 to 5.5 = bright pink
Level 5.6 to 6.0 = light blue
Level 6.1 to 6.5 = black
Level 6.6 to 7.0 = dark red
Level 7.1 to 8.0 = grey
Level 8.1+ = red

Once they have read their book, they can then take a comprehension quiz about what they have read and earn ***Accelerated Reader*** points. This needs to be completed at school due to specific log on details.

On the progress tab, they can check their percentage of correct answers (100% = small certificate), total points, books read and the number of total words they have read. We will keep track of this information in class and there will be certificates and prizes in the future (for highest total points and percentages).

Please help your child by reading with them regularly at home and encouraging them to bring their book into school every day.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Taylor

OPA Reading Co-ordinator

"The increased levels of literacy...as a result of using AR is a wonder to behold."

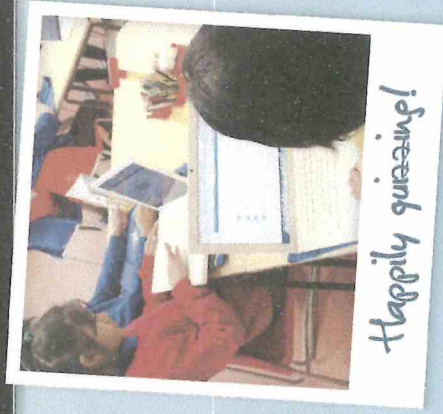
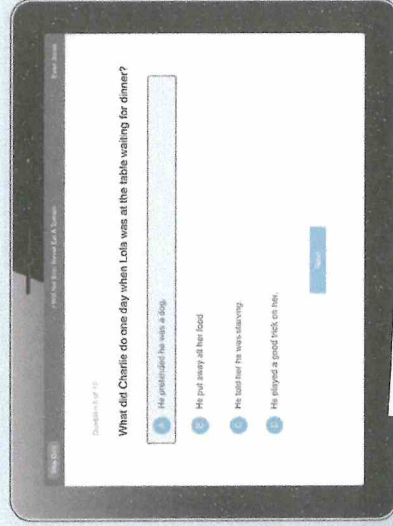
Anthony Wilson, Deputy Head Teacher,
Sir William Burrough Primary School

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Understanding books

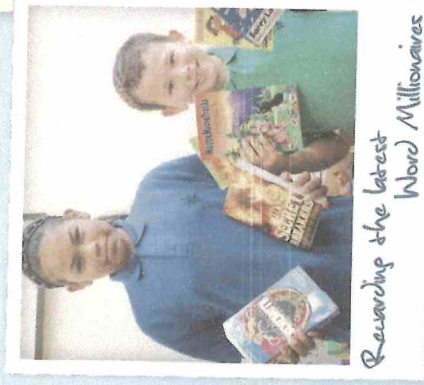
How much of what children read do they actually understand? AR helps teachers and support staff to monitor the quality of children's reading; how well they have understood a book - as well as the quantity; how many books and words they have read.

Children enjoy the fun reading practice quizzes they take at the end of each book they read. The quiz results show how well they were challenged by the text and help adults to guide them towards an appropriate book to read next.



Enjoying books

Schools come alive when they have a strong reading culture. AR supports a range of motivators and initiatives to encourage children to read for pleasure.



Every quiz passed is a small success and there are endless opportunities for praise in assemblies, prizes, and positive feedback for parents.

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"Accelerated Reader has had a huge impact on children's motivation to read"

Helen Cole, Principal, Ballykelly Primary School

