

Accelerated Reader

In spring 2021 Bennettsbridge NS implemented the 'Accelerated Reader' (AR) programme from 3rd to 6th class. The key aim in adopting this programme is to encourage and promote independent reading which is pitched at the pupil's correct level of ability and to also increase pupil comprehension levels.

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. The pupil completes assessments at least three times a year which calculates the child's reading range. The pupil then picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, the pupil takes a short quiz in school on the class iPad.

The Accelerated Reader programme gives children, teachers, and parents feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help the pupil set goals and direct ongoing reading practice. Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Teachers help the children choose books at an appropriate level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that the child can pass the quiz and experience success. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

Each child should have a record of their ZPD (the range of levels that they can comfortably read). Children have access to an AR library in the school where all books have been levelled and labelled. Pupils can also read books from home or their local library as long as the book falls within their ZPD range. Please use www.arbookfind.co.uk to see if a book is an AR book within the pupil's range.

Below are pictures of our word millionaires- pupils who have read a million words! Congratulations!