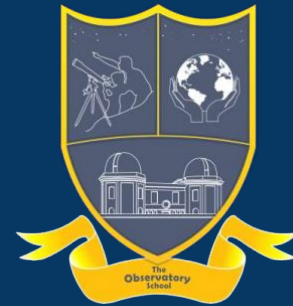


# Accelerated Reader Handbook for Parents

2023 - 2024



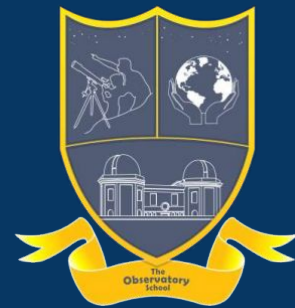


# Accelerated Reader at The Observatory School

Accelerated Reader is a reading programme used by schools to encourage pupils to read.

Pupils will always be reading books at the right level for their interest and ability. This enables pupils to make quicker progress with their reading.

Pupils will have two dedicated library lessons, on their timetables. We strongly recommend that they also read at home to compliment this.



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# How does it work?

Students are tested six times a year for their reading comprehension level using a STAR test. This is a test which is taken at school and online and takes around 20-25 minutes. Students do not have to prepare for this test.

The test provides pupils with a ZPD (a range of book levels) to ensure they are reading at the correct level; it also provides teachers data to track the reading of each pupil.



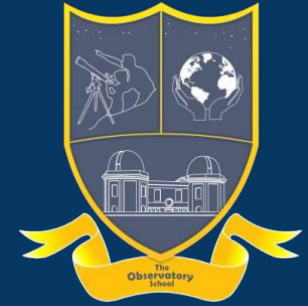
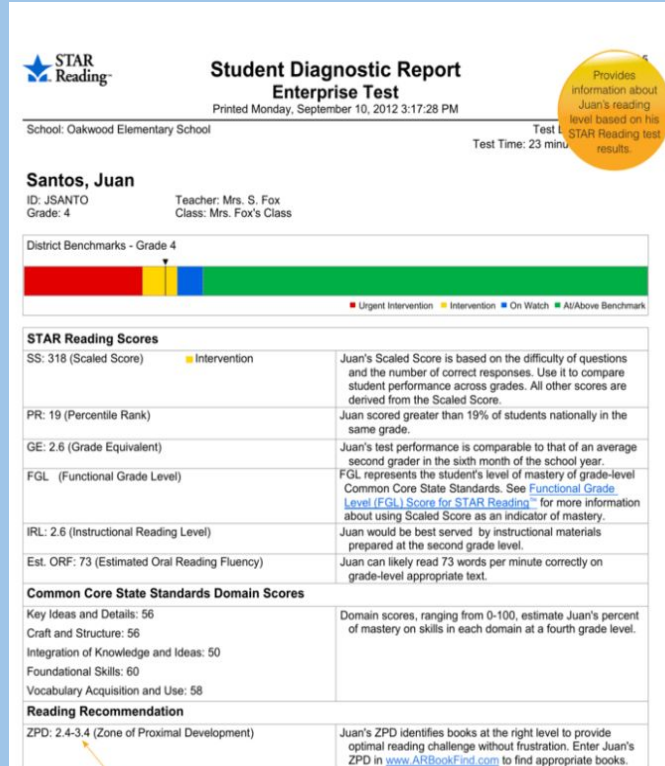
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# Reading Diagnostic Reports

After the reading assessments, every student will have a diagnostic report.

These reports give lots of data, including:

- Standard Score
- Reading Age
- ZPD

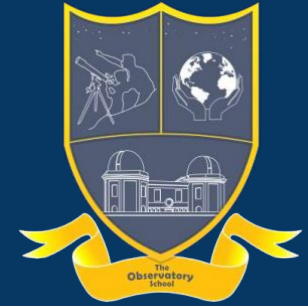


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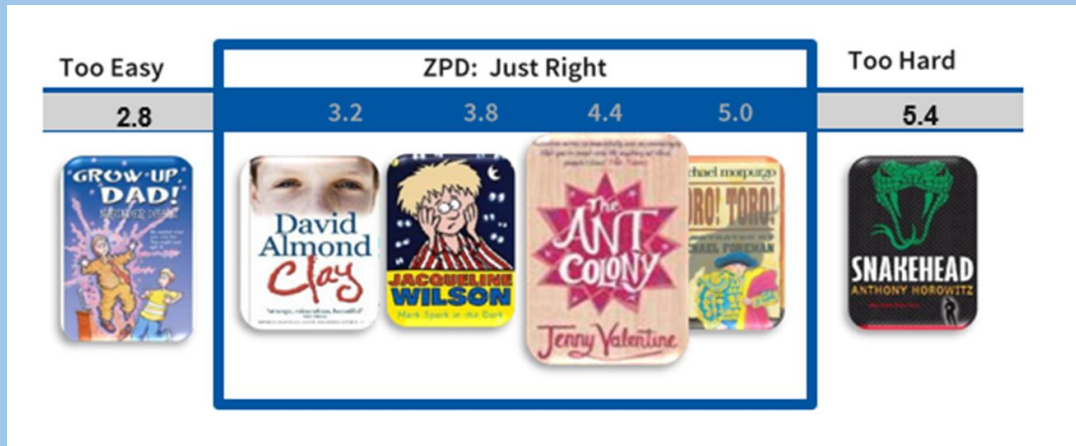
# ZPD – Zone of Proximal Development

This is a range of book levels recommended for each student, based on their ability.

To get maximum reading progress, pupils should read across the whole range.



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# Choosing a Book: The Observatory School Library

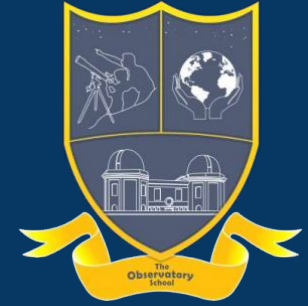
To make it easy to choose books across the range of their ZPDs, The Observatory School has create our own book banding colours.

These are tied to Accelerated Reader book levels (BL).

Reading Age	BL (Book Level)	School Book Band Colours
Below 5	0.1 - 1.5	Red
5-6	1.6 - 2.5	Yellow
6-7	2.6 - 3.5	Orange
7-8	3.6 - 4.5	Green
8-9	4.6 - 5.5	Blue
9-10	5.6 - 6.5	Magenta
10-11	6.6 - 7.5	Brown
11-12	7.6 - 8.5	Cyan
12 - 13	8.6 - 9.5	Purple
13-14	9.6 - 10.5	Grey
14-15	10.6 - 11.5	Light Green
15+	11.6 - 12.6+	Black

<b>John Jones</b>	<b>Username</b>	JJon
<b>ZDP: 3.6 - 5.6</b>	<b>Password</b>	JJON123
Easy	Comfortable	Challenging
Dark Green	Dark Blue	Bright Pink

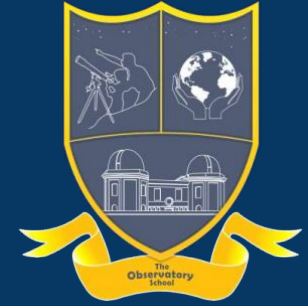
Pupils are all provided with an individualised bookmark that tells them their login details; their ZPD; and the book colours they can choose from.



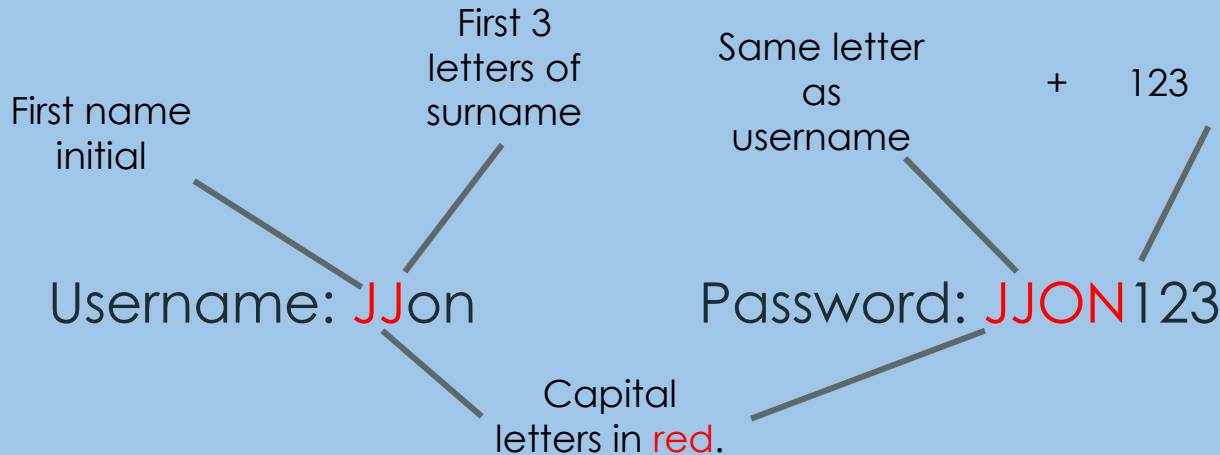
# Pupil Bookmarks



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# Pupil Login Information



# Take the Quiz

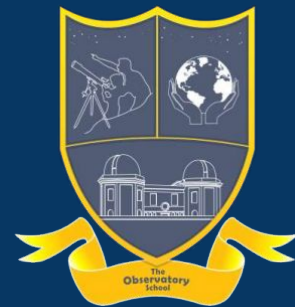
When pupils have finished their book, they log into the school's server on Renaissance Place.

This can be found here:

<https://ukhosted129.renlearn.co.uk/6700719/>

They click on Accelerated Reader and use the book name or quiz number to find their book. They then take the quiz.

All quizzes are in language appropriate to the level of the book.



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# Quiz Rules

- They should be taken at school
  - Take the quiz 24-48 hours after finishing the book
  - The quizzes have no time limit
  - They can only take a quiz once
- If they get over 60%-70% correct on their quiz, they are awarded the relevant amount of points and words read.



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# Non-Negotiables

- Reading time (average) needs to be 25-35 minutes per day. They will be given 100 minutes in school and are expected to make up the rest at home.
- Resources (regular access to suitable books)
- Analyse Data - constantly monitor pupils



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# How to support your child to read at home

If they are reading at Green or Blue levels, just encouraging them to read for 20 minutes a day will have an impact.

If they are at Red or Yellow, getting them to read aloud to you will help.

We will be running regular parent reading workshops throughout the year - check Class Dojo and the School App for these dates.

We will run workshops in the following:

- Understanding and Using Accelerated Reader
- Phonics
- Supporting parents who are not confident with reading.

Please contact school if you are interested in any of the workshops and your name will be added to the list.



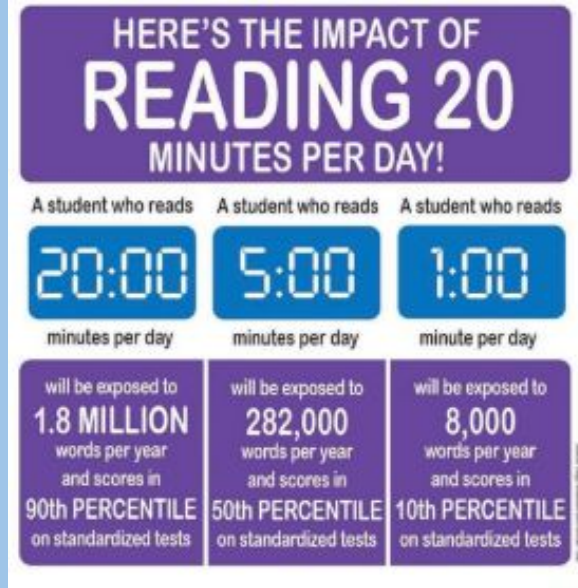
## Reading at Home

Reading at home with your child can have a massive impact on their reading levels and their attainment across the whole curriculum.

For maximum progress on Accelerated Reader, pupils have to read for an average of 25 minutes per day. That's 175 minutes per week.

Library Lessons = 100 mins

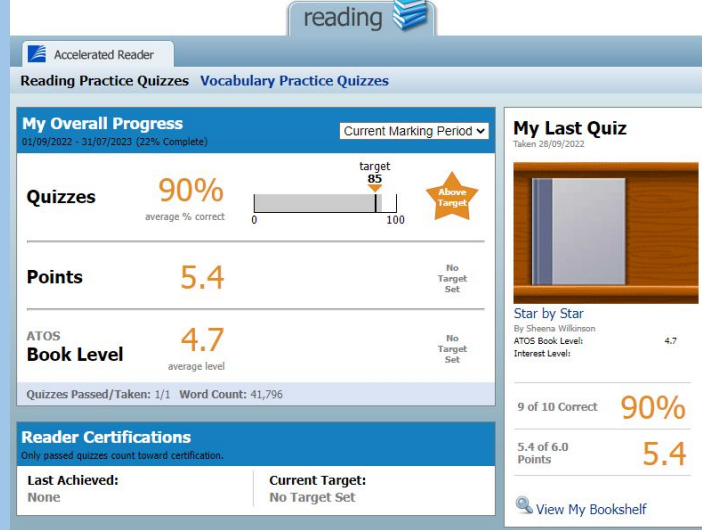
Reading at Home = 75 mins



## Reading at Home

# The impact of reading at home

# Accelerated Reader Home Connect



# Accelerated Reader at Home

If you would like to see your child's progress at home, you can go to the school's Home Connect page and use your child's log in details to access their profile.

You will be able to see: how many quizzes they have taken; their points; their targets; and all the books that they have read.

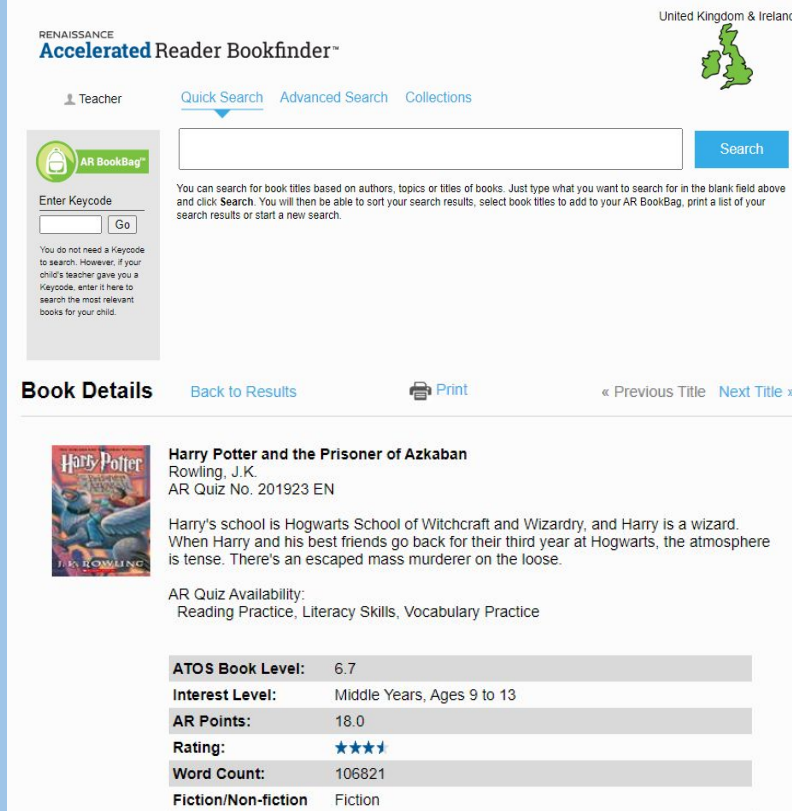
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# AR Bookfinder

To see if a book is on Accelerated Reader and suitable for your child, use AR Bookfinder.

Search for the book and it will tell you the ATOS book level - check this is in your child's ZPD.

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>



The screenshot shows the 'Accelerated Reader Bookfinder' website. At the top, it says 'RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™' and 'United Kingdom & Ireland' with a map of the UK. There are navigation links for 'Teacher', 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Collections'. A search bar is present with a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a section for 'AR BookBag™' with an 'Enter Keycode' field and a 'Go' button. A note states: 'You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child.' Below this is a 'Book Details' section for 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' by Rowling, J.K. The details include the AR Quiz No. 201923 EN, a description of the book, and 'AR Quiz Availability: Reading Practice, Literacy Skills, Vocabulary Practice'. At the bottom, there is a table with book details:

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# Accelerated Reader at Home



