

# A parents' & carers' guide to Accelerated Reader

Hi there,

When it comes to school, reading is the one skill that underpins everything we do. At secondary school, we are reading to learn. There is a strong link between the amount students read, their reading age, and how well they do academically. We would like to ask for your support with this.



Please find below some explanations regarding Accelerated Reader and Star Reader, two packages we use in school to track, monitor and help your child progress with reading at Brine Leas.

During their first fortnight at Brine Leas your child will take a Star Reader test (they will repeat this at the start of each term). This online test (which cannot be prepped for) will give us your child's reading age and will also tell us what books they should read, given their level of challenge (this is called ZPD, there is an explanation of this on the next page). It also aids us in generating their Reading Points Target for the term. This target should be reached before we break up for that term and is both personalised and achievable.

Your child's Reading Points Target and ZPD colour will be on their bookmark. The reading age will be available on MCAS.

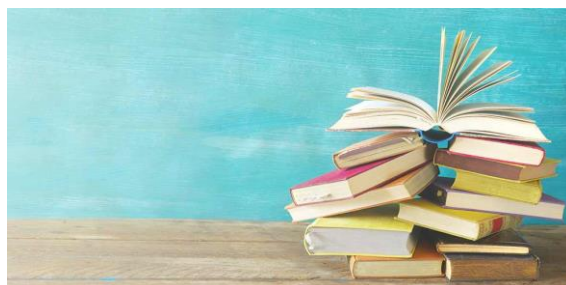
We look forward to working together to keep driving your child's reading forward.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher.

Kind regards,

Ruth Lucas

Curriculum Leader, English.



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## What is Accelerated Reader™ (AR)?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor a child's independent reading practice. Children pick a book that falls within their ZPD level as shown by the coloured sticker. When they have finished reading, they take a short quiz on the computer - passing the quiz is an indication that the child has understood what has been read.







If they are reading at the recommended level for them, they are likely to be successful and enjoy the books and quizzes. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

*The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you'll go.*  
-- Dr. Seuss

## \* What is a ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development)?

A ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Each child will receive a ZPD (and reading range) after taking a Star Reading test. It is important for children to read with a high degree of comprehension and within their ZPD.

### Accelerated Reader Book Level Guide

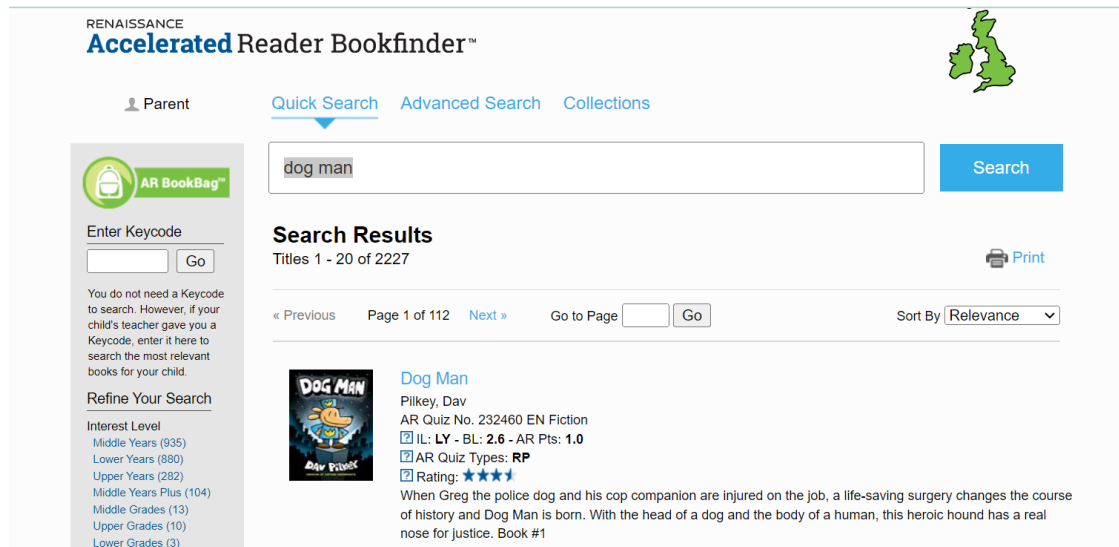
Green		0.0 - 1.9
Orange		2.0 - 2.9
Blue		3.0 - 3.9
Yellow		4.0 - 4.9
Red		5.0 - 5.9
brown		6.0 +

This ZPD is then linked to a **coloured sticker** in our library. For example, if your child's ZPD is 3.5-5.2 they can read either blue or yellow, while red will likely be too tricky.

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## How can I see what level or how many points a book is worth?

You can search up all books on this website. If it is on the AR programme it will have a score and level. (Go to [arbookfind.co.uk](http://arbookfind.co.uk))



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Parent Quick Search Advanced Search Collections

AR BookBag™

Enter Keycode  Go


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.

Refine Your Search


Interest Level

- Middle Years (935)
- Lower Years (890)
- Upper Years (282)
- Middle Years Plus (104)
- Middle Grades (13)
- Upper Grades (10)
- Lower Grades (3)

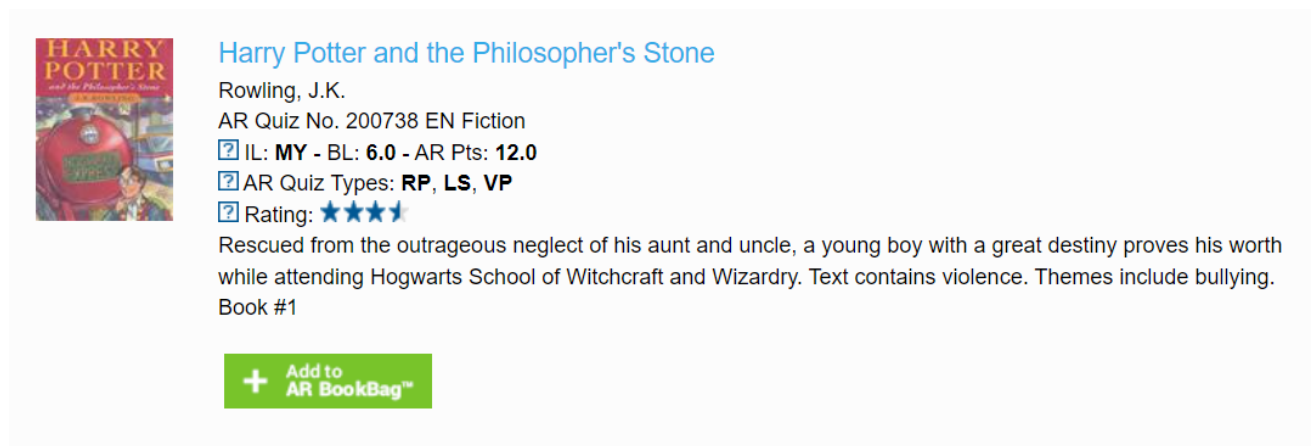
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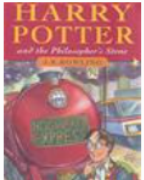
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 **Dog Man**  
Pilkey, Dav  
AR Quiz No. 232460 EN Fiction  
IL: LY - BL: 2.6 - AR Pts: 1.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP  
Rating: ★★★★★  
When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice. Book #1

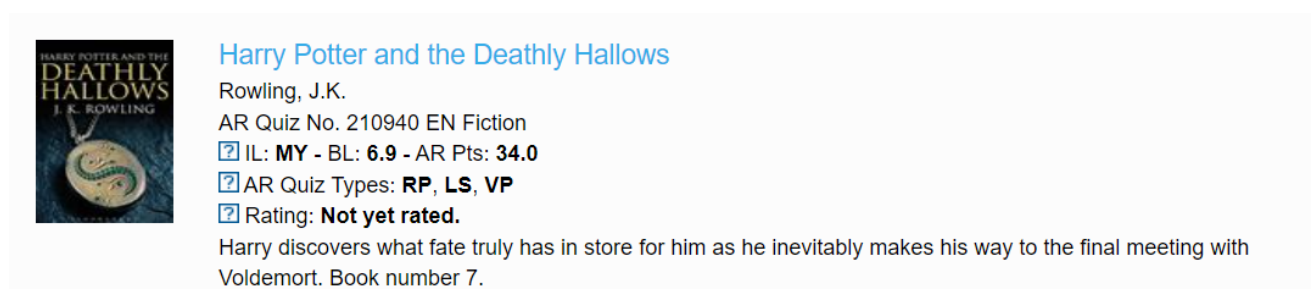
Dogman is appropriate for a ZPD of 2.6 and worth 1 point.

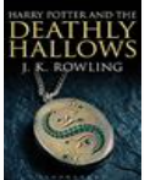


 **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**  
Rowling, J.K.  
AR Quiz No. 200738 EN Fiction  
IL: MY - BL: 6.0 - AR Pts: 12.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP  
Rating: ★★★★★  
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Text contains violence. Themes include bullying. Book #1

+ Add to AR BookBag™

The first Harry Potter novel is suitable for a ZPD of 6 and is worth 12 points.



 **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**  
Rowling, J.K.  
AR Quiz No. 210940 EN Fiction  
IL: MY - BL: 6.9 - AR Pts: 34.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP, LS, VP  
Rating: Not yet rated.  
Harry discovers what fate truly has in store for him as he inevitably makes his way to the final meeting with Voldemort. Book number 7.

The final Harry Potter novel is suitable for a ZPD of 6.9 and is worth 34 points.

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## Struggling to log on to take a quiz?

There are lots of schools that use AR. In order to log on, please use the link on the library page of the school's website

(<http://brineleas.co.uk/curriculum/library/>) or use this direct link

([https://global-zone61.renaissance-](https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1893281)

[go.com/welcomeportal/1893281](https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1893281) ). All students have been told their username and password. It should also be written in their planner and exercise book.

## How much should a child read?

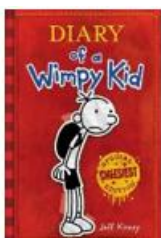
We ask our students to read enough to achieve their termly target. This is based on 20 minutes reading each day. We give them time in English lessons, library lessons and form time. We ask for your help in supporting us with this at home— it is more important for their whole education than simply being an English homework.

## Note worthy:

- Fiction has the widest vocabulary
- We use bookmarks to regularly check progress towards targets
- Making reading part of the routine & forming good habits is really important
- Genuine success is motivating and worth celebrating- so we reward with class winners, year winners, house winners as well as individuals who hit their own targets.

## How long does it take to read a book?

Students in KS3 will read between 120-150 words aloud; some will read faster in their heads. Many students of this age still need lots of practice to gain speed and fluency.



*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

19, 000 words

2 hours

3 points



*Football Heroes*

25, 000 words

2 hours 30 mins

4 points



*David Walliams*

43, 000 words

4 hours 30 minutes

6 points