



### Archbishop Benson Reading Rewards 2021/202

Learning to read is a vital life skill. Reading opens the door to your child's early academic success, imparts a love of learning and allows children to access the magical world of fantasy. When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge, expand their vocabulary and become more fluent readers. They also have improved attention spans and better concentration.

We want to encourage every child to read more often, to read more widely and to find something that they love reading. We also want to encourage parents/carers to engage with our challenges, both by helping their child to find time to read and to share good quality books together.

#### Reading Incentives



#### Ultimate Reading Challenge

We expect all pupils at Archbishop Benson School to have a regular reading routine at home and for parents to record this in their reading record.

To participate in our termly reading reward system, all children need to do is simply read at home to an adult and record each daily read with a parent's/carer's signature. Each significant number of daily reads then results in a special reward. Please note the number of significant reads has changed from last year.

The termly reward system works as follows:



30 reads = a sticker

50 reads = a certificate and a special mention in our online Friday Celebration Assembly

65 reads = the children get a raffle ticket and are entered into a prize book draw (one child per year group will be selected).

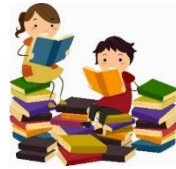
All children who get a raffle ticket will have an end of term treat as a reward.

Reading records will be checked every Friday and a total number of reads to date will be recorded. Only one read per day will be counted for the Ultimate Home Reading Champion Challenge. If the children read more than once in a day,

it is entirely up to you whether you record several reads on that day individually or just make one record of your child having read that day regardless of the number of times. Either way, we will count it the same-namely having read that day, so a maximum of 7 in a week. We don't mind if a child is reading their school reading book or another book, all reading logged in the diary counts! The reading record is not just to record reads for the challenge but to track your child's reading journey. The comments from parents can be really useful for teachers. When the children get older, they use it as a record so they know what page they are on next etc.

The Summer Reading Challenge will start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April and will run until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. This provides the children with 81 opportunities to get a signature that will count towards the Ultimate Home Reading Challenge.

Have you got what it takes to become a reading champion?



### **Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6- Accelerated Reader (AR) Millionaires**

As well as the Ultimate Reading Challenge, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 have some new incentives this year linked to Accelerated Reader.

Accelerated Reader Millionaires will be rewarded according to the amount of words read on Accelerated reader. Children who meet the following word criteria will be members of the millionaires club and will automatically be entered into the book prize draw.

**250,000 words by Christmas**

**500,000 words by Easter**

**1,000,000 words by Summer**

**85%+**

All children who are averaging 85%+ on their Accelerated Reader quizzes will also automatically be entered into the book prize draw.

### **Accelerated Reader (AR) KS2**

#### **Accelerated Reader Certificates**

We will also be issuing Accelerated Reader certificates on a fortnightly basis. Please find a list of certificate levels and how to achieve them on the link below: <https://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Reader-Certification-Levels.pdf>

Certification levels in Accelerated Reader are motivating benchmarks for students. They can help students with transitional phases in reading, such as moving from picture books to chapter books, or can help encourage students to broaden their reading experiences.

How can I find my child's targets and rewards?

When your child logs into AR, they can go to the 'Progress' tab at the top, then select 'Certifications'. This will show levels that your child has already been awarded as well as their next target they are working towards.

If you would like to receive emails showing your student's Accelerated Reader quiz results, click on the following link: <https://ukhosted72.renlearn.co.uk/1893690/HomeConnect/>

You then need to log on using your child's details and then click on email setup which can be found in the top right hand corner. You will then receive an email every time your child takes an Accelerated Reader quiz and it will let you know how your child got on.

To be sure these emails reach your inbox, add [homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com](mailto:homeconnectautodelivery@renlearnrp.com) to your address book.

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

Accelerated Reader is a computerised programme that has not only been specifically designed to improve children's reading ability and continue to raise their reading age, but also to encourage and nurture a love of reading that will continue into adulthood. The Accelerated Reader Program works by identifying a child's ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) which is essentially a selection of books that will not only match their ability, but will also challenge them and develop their vocabulary. Each child in Y3-6 has sat a short online comprehension test in order to determine their ZPD. Using the outcomes of these tests, children will be directed to choose books from the school library that fall within this range and when they have finished the book, they will take a short, electronic quiz that assesses their understanding of what they have read. This enables us as teachers to have meaningful discussions about a child's reading: what they have learnt and how we can help them to develop. It also enables us to closely monitor individual reading progress and ensure that children are selecting books that are challenging enough to meet their individual needs.

How can I help my child become a better reader?

As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home. Create a culture of reading at home by reading with your child and visiting your local library on a regular basis. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to be sure your child comprehends what is read. Reading with your child, no matter what the child's age, is an important part of developing a good reader and building a lifelong love of reading and learning.

The more you read,

The more you know,

The more you know,  
The smarter you grow,  
The more you grow,  
The stronger your voice,  
When speaking your mind  
Or making your choice!

Please encourage your child to read his/her accelerated Reader book on a daily basis.

If you have any questions about accelerated reader please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Please visit [www.renlearn.co.uk](http://www.renlearn.co.uk) to find out more about Accelerated Reader!