

At Upton-by-Chester High School, we are proud to be part of the Accelerated Reader Scheme. The main benefit of taking part in the Accelerated Reader scheme is that, with as little as 20 minutes reading per day, your child's reading age can increase at twice their chronological development. Therefore, in one year, your child can increase their reading age by two years.

In order to be part of this scheme, every student needs to complete an initial online reading and comprehension assessment (known as a Star Reader test) to provide them with their current reading level. Ordinarily, this would take place in school within the first few weeks of the academic year.

Once they have their reading level, your child will choose a book at their own level and read it for 20 minutes every day. There are currently over 20,000 books available as part of the Accelerated Reader scheme. In order to check the reading level of a book within the scheme, parents and students can use the AR Bookfinder website: www.arbookfind.co.uk

When they finish a book, students take a short quiz on a computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that they understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results. The teacher can then use the results to help set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

Due to the current Covid-19 related restrictions on movement around school, it is not possible to complete the Star Reader tests in school at the moment. Therefore, we are asking students to complete the initial testing at home (where possible) in order that we can start the scheme as soon as possible. Once your child has finished reading their first book at the correct reading level, they are able to take a short quiz online to check their understanding.

A step-by-step help guide to access Star Reader is attached to this email. Additional support is available via the English subject pages on the school website and your child's English Teacher will demonstrate the website in class.

Please encourage your child to complete the initial Star Reader test by Monday 5th October. If your child does not have access to internet facilities at home, they should speak to their English teacher about alternate provision. Please be aware that the Star Reader test works best on a PC, Laptop or tablet. Completing the test on a phone is not advisable due to the amount of text on the screen in some questions.

Important: Each school taking part in the Accelerated Reader scheme has their own unique login page. You will need to follow this link: <https://ukhosted61.renlearn.co.uk/1894449> in order to access Upton High's login page. If you Google search Accelerated Reader, you may be directed to another school's login page, which will not work.

Pupils should use their school login details to access their Accelerated Reader account.

Pupils should not guess if they do not know an answer as this will return an incorrect result. If they do not know an answer, they should let the question time out.

At the end of the test, there is no results page. Teachers will go through results with students in class.