

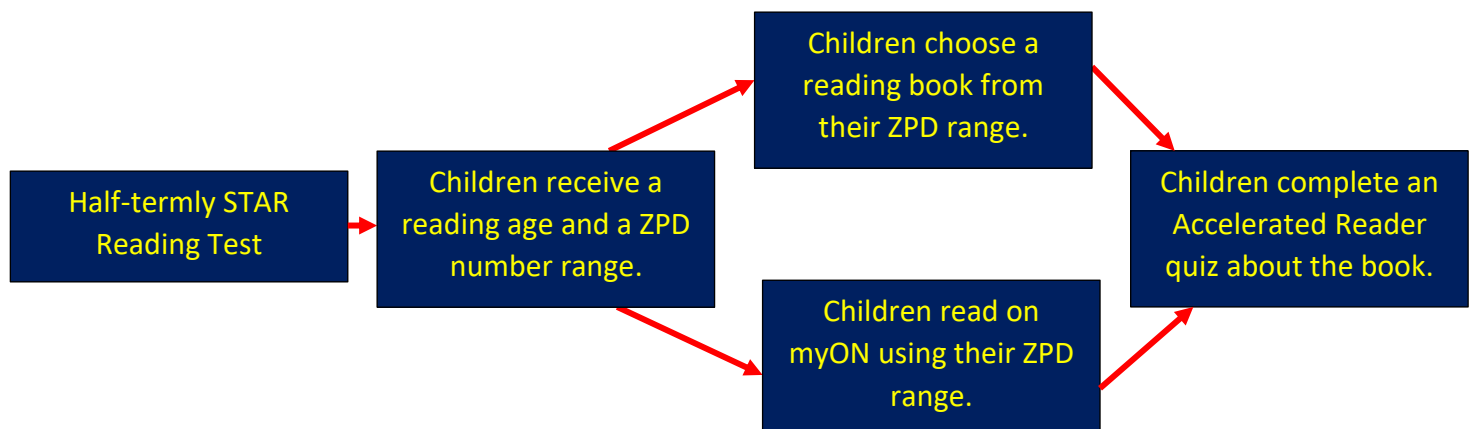
Accelerated Reader at Townlands



When our children have acquired a knowledge of phonics, they begin using the Accelerated Reader programme for their individual reading. This usually commences in the autumn term of Year 2 and continues until they leave Year 6.

Accelerated Reader enables our pupils to demonstrate their understanding of the books they are reading through online comprehension quizzes. Children can choose their own reading books whilst ensuring the word difficulty is matched to their reading ability. This is complemented by individual reading targets which are shared between the teacher and the child, and continuously revisited to encourage each child to make progress in their reading.

This is a summary of the Accelerated Reader scheme:



The STAR Reading Test

Every half-term, children take the STAR Reading Test in school. The test is online and children answer questions about short pieces of text; the test adapts the questions depending upon how successfully the child is answering each question. The results from the test provide each child with a reading age, compared to their chronological age, and this is reported to parents in their Accelerated Reader Reading Record. The test also provides each child with a ZPD number which matches their reading ability to suitable reading books in our library.

The ZPD Number

Your child's ZPD number is recorded in their Accelerated Reader Reading Record, alongside their reading age. The ZPD is a range of numbers which match to reading books in our library.

For example: 2.4 – 3.2

This means that the child can choose books labelled 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3.0, 3.1 or 3.2.

Your child should be choosing books from within and across their ZPD range.

The lower numbered books are accessible; enable your child to achieve; and build confidence, reading stamina and enjoyment of reading.

The higher numbered books provide more challenge and your child may need more support with reading them.

Reading across the range will enable your child to experience success, an appropriate level of challenge and develop their reading ability.

LOWER ZPD Exploration Zone	UPPER ZPD Deep Dive
 • Go wild and try something new! • Explore new genres, authors and book lengths • Challenge yourself if you can	 Plan ahead: ✓ Choose a book you are excited about ✓ Pick a shorter book first ✓ Make notes as you read – remember the 5Ws! ✓ Ask your teacher for advice

Reading Books

To complement the Accelerated Reader scheme, we have invested in our library to provide a wide range of reading books for all reading abilities: fiction and non-fiction; modern and classic; diverse authors and contexts. We encourage children to tell us if there are books or authors which they would like to see added to our book collection.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes

When your child has finished their reading book, they complete an online quiz. The questions help to develop children's comprehension skills and enable them to showcase their understanding of their reading.

Your child's individual login details are recorded in their Accelerated Reader Reading Record.

myON

myON is part of the Accelerated Reader scheme; it is an online platform for e-books. Your child can choose a book to read from within their ZPD range and complete an Accelerated Reader quiz afterwards.

How can parents/carers be involved

At Townlands, we recognise how important parents/carers are in children's learning and we value your support, working alongside teachers and the wider school community.

Please listen to your child read aloud **at least five times each week** regardless of their age or ability. Sharing a book can encourage the enjoyment of reading as well as children's reading fluency and comprehension. To enhance this further, please ask them questions about what they have read and discuss unfamiliar or tricky words with them.

Every time your child reads at home, please record it in their Accelerated Reader Reading Record to support communication between home and school.