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A guide for Parents and Carers

Please familiarise yourself with our new reading programme.



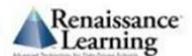
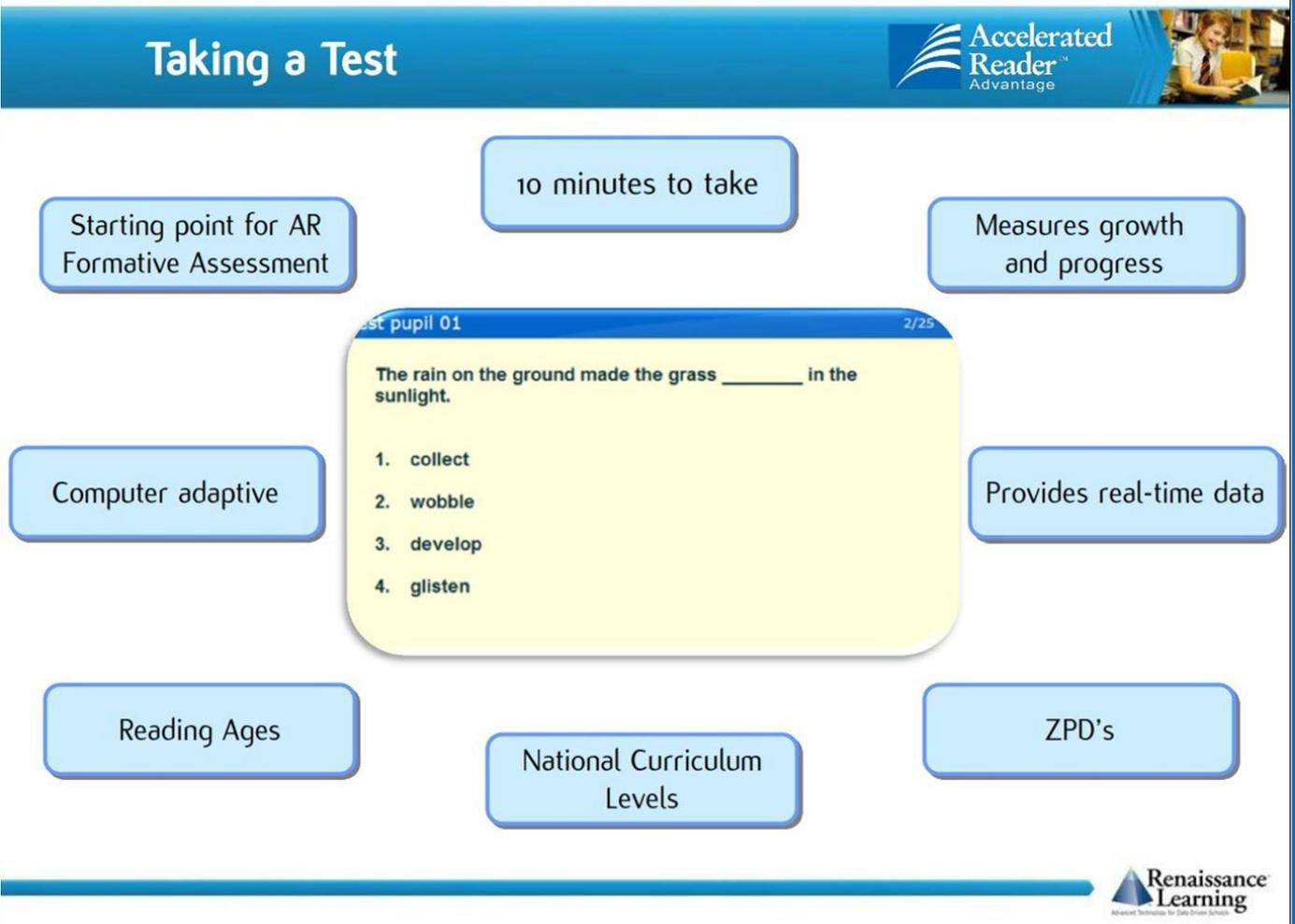
'Everyone is a reader...Some just haven't found their book yet.'

What is the Accelerated Reader Programme?

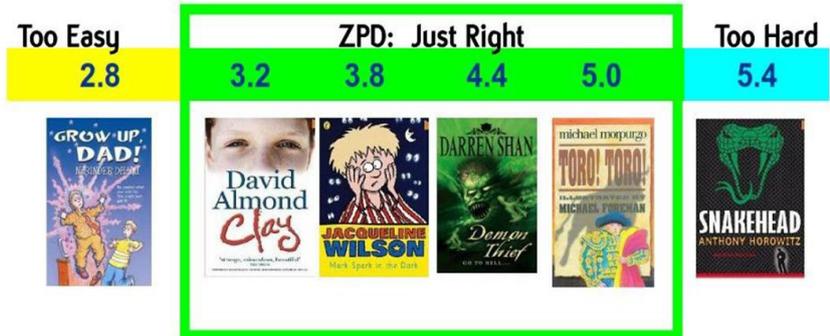
Accelerated Reader has been adopted at St. Peter's to help manage and monitor children's independent reading including their word recognition and comprehension skills. By giving children the opportunity to read a text which is matched to their reading ability and interest level, our aim is to promote a love of books and reading across our school.

Initial STAR Reading Test

Children take a STAR reading test. Their score generates a range of book levels (ZPD) that the child can choose a book from; this is different for every child depending on how well they answer the questions. E.g: 4.0—5.3.



Every child will do a STAR test every half term to get a new book level (ZPD).



In addition to the book level range, there is a code on the inside cover which enables children to ensure that the content is age-appropriate. We have a range of books in school of all levels and have recently bought more age-appropriate books for our older children with reading difficulties.

Code		Recommended age range
LY	Lower years	6-8 years
MY	Middle years	9-13 years
MY+	Middle years plus	12-13 years
UY	Upper years	14+ (Y6 only) Limited to a few titles

Quizzing

After your child has finished reading the book, time will be given to take a short quiz on either the computer or Ipad. By scoring 80% or above, the child has shown that the story has been understood. Children scoring below 80% will be monitored to ensure they are reading enough at home so they are not forgetting the content of the book. Staff check reading records daily and our expectation is that children read every night.

In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they are reading books at their own reading and interest levels, they are likely to be successful.

Taking a Quiz

Quiz within 24 hours

Multiple choice questions

Earn points depending score

Teacher monitoring average percent correct

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Reading Practice tests comprehension

Vocabulary Practice reinforces words encountered

Literacy Skills for higher order thinking

Only children above a 3.0 will be quizzed. If a child's ZPD range falls across 3 e.g. 2.5—3.5 then the child will only choose books above 3.0.

Support at Home

In order for children to score above 80% on the quizzes, they need to be reading regularly at home otherwise they are likely to have forgotten the content by the time they have finished.

Please continue to sign your child's book and the number of pages that have been read. At St. Peter's, we expect children to be reading daily in order to improve their reading stamina.

Reading stamina is a vital skill for children to develop and refers to their ability to read for long periods of time. This is a particularly crucial skill needed to complete tests such as SATs.

Children get points for reading books and can build up the number of words they have read to become a

READING MILLIONAIRE!

If you have any questions or queries about our new programme, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Whiteside our English subject leader.

As always, your support is very much appreciated.

