What Parents Need To Know
STAR Reading™

- STAR Reading assessments are the starting point for the Accelerated Reader™ Program.

- The assessment is a 10 minute computer-adaptive test to help teachers assess reading ability.

- The results will identify individual book level reading ranges (ZPDs) which support teacher judgements on guiding pupils to Accelerated Reader books.

![Image of a test question: In order to start the machine, you must pull this _____.
1. quill
2. stem
3. anchor
4. lever]
**ZPD and Book Levels**

**ZPD** - A range of book levels recommended for pupils. Ideally they should begin choosing books at the beginning of the range.

**Book Level** – An estimate of the reading difficulty of the text of each book on the Accelerated Reader scheme. The book level is based on average sentence length, average word length, vocabulary difficulty and frequency of words.
## ZPD and Books

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Matching books to individuals

- Life Experiences
- Reading Habits
- Family and Friends
- Native Language
- Feelings about Reading and School
- Geographic Location
- Reading Skills
- Interests
- Reading History
- Maturity

Accelerated Reader Advantage

Renaissance Learning
Accelerated Reader

- Teachers guide pupils to select books within their ZPD range and according to their interests
- Pupils take comprehension-based quizzes in school on the books they have read
Teachers monitor pupils progress and adjust ZPDs as needed. An 85% and above average score on quizzes indicates good comprehension and will lead to greater progress in reading.
• Parents can track their children’s reading from home using the Internet site, Home Connect

• Parents can set up their email address to receive automatic feedback
Clicking on the book cover allows you to see the quiz results for each book.

'My Bookshelf' shows all books the pupil has read and quizzed.
AR BookFinder is a search engine for all books with Accelerated Reader quizzes. You can advance search by various book criteria and see all book details. You can also create wish lists.
Overview

- **STAR Reading test gives ZPD for book selection**
- **Target 85% on quizzes shows comprehension**
- **Home Connect shows progress in AR**
- **Pupil selects books based on ability and interest**
- **BookFinder allows the checking of books at home**