

New Reading Rewards/Incentives for 2023/2024



The New 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. Instead of children working towards individual rewards, this year we will be running class team challenges. This will mean that EVERY read for EVERY child will count towards the total.

The new termly reward system works as follows:

KS2

This year we have designed a captivating reading reward initiative that changes throughout the school year, keeping students motivated and engaged. The structure revolves around three distinct term-based competitions, each with its own unique twist. During the Autumn term, classrooms come alive with excitement as students participate in year group class vs. class challenges. The competition unfolds within each year group, sparking a spirited race to accumulate reading points through Accelerated Reader comprehension quizzes. This friendly rivalry not only fosters a love for reading but also promotes teamwork within each class. The class with the highest total points emerges triumphant, basking in the glory of their Autumn victory and will receive a reward!

As the winter months make way for Spring, the focus of the challenge takes an interesting shift. It's now time for the house teams showdown, where each house team battle to get the most points. The house team with the most points will receive a reward.

The grand finale arrives in the Summer term, with a thrilling battle of the year groups. The year group rivalry adds an element of excitement as students in different year groups unite to showcase their reading prowess. Throughout the year, the reading reward system accomplishes more than just competition. It cultivates a passion for reading, nurtures a sense of belonging among classmates, house teams and year groups, and instills a sense of accomplishment as students navigate their literary journeys.

EYFS and KS1 will follow the exact same format as above but rather than be based on Accelerated Reader, it will be based on the amount of reads each class, house team and year group have read. Each pupil will contribute to the collective success of their class, house team, or year group. 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. Reading records will be checked regularly throughout the term 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 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.



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.

Please note that Archbishop Benson School has a new unique link for Accelerated Reader. Please use the link below if your child would like to take quizzes at home:

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1893690>