

How do we help children choose books?



The six-weekly reading tests give the children a ZPD range—the level of books that they should choose from to make optimal progress. We encourage children to try to read within these ranges and the books in the school library have stickers identifying their level and points value.

We acknowledge that some children may wish to read a book outside of their ZPD. Whilst we are quite flexible with this, we support and guide individual children to make appropriate choices. A guideline that we use is that a child should be able to read the (average length) book of their choice in approximately two weeks.



How you can support your child

Your child's reading will be enhanced greatly by working in partnership with home.

Hear your child read—no matter how old they are. Ask them questions and their thoughts about what they are reading.

Take an interest in what your child is reading. Know what their targets are and encourage your child to read each day in order to achieve them.

Sign up to HomeConnect to see what your child is reading and how regularly they are quizzing.

Please also remember that we are here to help. You are welcome to talk to your child's teacher or Mr English with any questions or comments.

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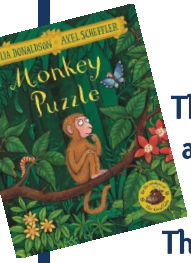


Your Guide to 'Reading Points'



*Learning to think, thinking to learn,
growing together in faith.*

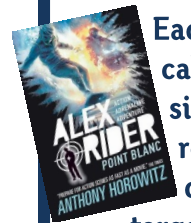
What are reading points?



The Accelerated Reader scheme is now established in St Peter's and has really helped motivate and engage many of our children to read.

This year, we are adapting our use of it to ensure that we try to engage and motivate as many of our pupils as possible. To do this, we are using a system of book 'points'.

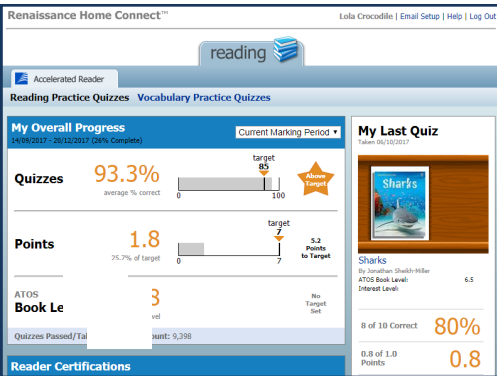
In Accelerated Reader, every book is allocated a certain amount of points. This is based upon word count.



Each child will be given a personalised points target. This is calculated from reading tests that they take, usually between every six to ten weeks, and the amount of time that they are expected to read each day. These individualised targets ensure that, whilst all children are being challenged, they are all able to meet their target each term—as long as they fulfil the expectations of reading time each day.

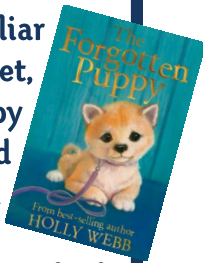
Children who meet their targets in a term will get a token in the end of year prize draw. If they meet their target every term—they will have three chances!

How do I know how many points my child needs to reach?



Your child should be familiar with their points target, which they can also check by logging into Accelerated Reader. You can also keep a track of it by logging into the HomeConnect portal, which gives you information about what your child is reading and how well they are doing. Details of how to

this are with the attached letter. You can also sign up here for email notifications of when your child has taken a book quiz.



What are reading expectations?

The table to the right shows the minimum amount of minutes each year group are expected to read each day. This includes time at school as well as at home. This information comes from a variety of research, both external and internal that clearly demonstrates that the more a child reads, the better their progress and attainment will be.



Year Group	Minimum minutes reading a day
Reception	5 mins
Year One	10 mins
Year Two	15 mins
Year Three	20 mins
Year Four	25 mins
Year Five	30 mins
Year Six	30 mins

How do children earn points?

When a child has finished a book, they 'quiz' on it using Accelerated Reader. If they pass the quiz—by getting 60% or more correct—they then earn a portion of the points, up to 100% of the points for 100% accuracy. If a book is not on Accelerated Reader, and does not have a quiz—the child can write their own. They just need to speak to Mr English about how to do this.

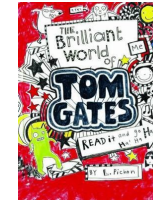
To illustrate how many points books are worth, here are some examples:



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Points: 0.5



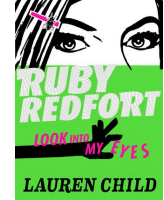
Words: 5407
Points: 1



Words: 15304
Points: 2



Words: 20375
Points: 3



Words: 69311
Points: 11