

PARENT INFORMATION

Here in Killicomaine we use Accelerated Reader with Years 8 and 9 to increase reading comprehension and promote reading for pleasure.

Accelerated Reader is a computer program designed to motivate children of all ages to read. The software allows teachers to view current reading levels and create a personalized reading plan to support each child in the development of vital literacy skills.



The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss



Killicomaine Junior High
School Library

Regardless of ability every child can improve their reading with Accelerated Reader

STAR Reading Tests. At the start of the school year every pupil will take an initial reading test to determine their current reading age and National Curriculum level. From these results we are able to determine a Zone of Proximal Development. The ZPD is the range of books that will challenge your child without causing frustration. Every pupil in Year 8 and 9 will have five of these Star Tests throughout the year so that we can monitor their progress.

Reading Time. The Library has a large selection of books and pupils are encouraged to choose books that interest them but are within their ZPD. Once pupils have selected a book we encourage them to read every day for around 20 mins. Pupils will be given reading time during Morning Registration some days so it is important that they bring their library book into school each day. We also ask for your support to encourage reading at home as this will help pupils to develop their literacy skills further.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes. Once pupils have finished their book they can use the school computers to take a quiz. Accelerated Reader currently offers around 200,000 quizzes which should cover most stock in the school library. These help to motivate and monitor pupils reading performance and vocabulary growth. They also ensure that a pupil has actually understood what they have read. Pupils receive points for each book they read and rewards are presented throughout the year to pupils who meet their individual targets.

Register your email address with Home Connect and:

- You can view your child's progress toward reading goals and reader certification, and view all books that your child has read and quizzes your child has taken.
- You can receive emails that reveal results for Reading Practice Quizzes as and when your child completes them.

*To log in to Renaissance Home Connect:
<https://Ukhosted52.renlearn.co.uk/2261012/HomeConnect>
Then log in with your child's username and password.*