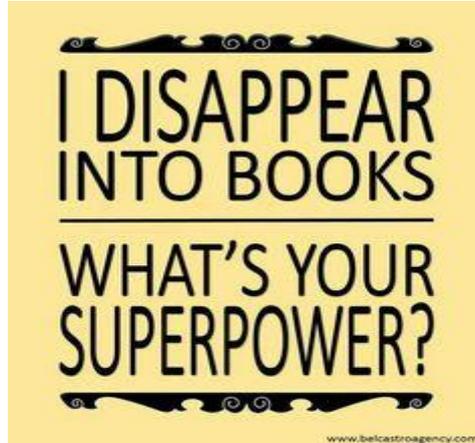
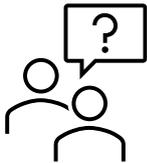


## First Year Students Reading Resource



On the next two pages you will find information on the following:



**An overview of Accelerated Reader**

- What it means
- Why First Year Students are taking part
- What students need to do



**List of websites and apps which First Year students need to access.**

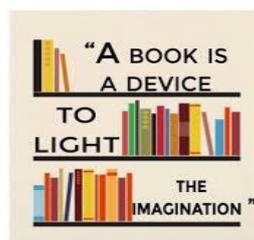




## A Bullet-Point Guide to Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader encourages children to read independently. It doesn't replace the teaching of reading. It allows children to quiz on books pitched at their individual reading ability:

- The students do an online **Star Reading** assessment. It is a 34 question, computer adaptive assessment. This determines what level of book they read. Students are given their **ZPD**, a number to guide their choice of text.
- 38,000 books have been given a level based on complexity, level of vocabulary, average sentence/word length etc.
- The student selects a book within that level to read. The book might come from school, home, local library or digitally via SORA, BorrowBox etc. They can listen to the book as an audiobook also.
- **Students must read for a minimum of 25 minutes a day.**
- Within 24 hours of reading the book, students must quiz to check for understanding. This is an online quiz that can be done on PC, laptop, iPad etc.
- Students must **get at least 60%** in a quiz to have passed it.
- The system will set students a **differentiated** point target to reach. They gain points by passing quizzes.
- Very soon we hope to have a reward system up and running for students who are meeting their targets. **Rewards are for students of all levels and abilities.** We will reward students who are working to the best of their own ability.
- After a period of time (often 6/7 weeks) the students take a new Star Reading assessment. They will then be given a new, usually higher, level of books to read. This way they are always being extended.

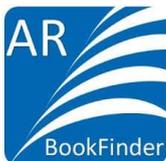


## Websites and Apps for First Years



1. <https://ukhosted117.renlearn.co.uk/6935105/>

This is the unique URL for our students. This is the website they use for the STAR Testing and Quizzing on books. They click the Blue Box when they do a STAR Test, and Orange Box to take a quiz. Students are also encouraged to read and quiz on the articles and non-fiction texts on the site.



2. <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

This website is used for students for two linked purposes: They use the 'Advanced Search' to generate a list of books within their ZPD range (book level). The books they read must be on this system as it ensures there is a quiz on chosen book on the Accelerated Reader website.



3. <https://soraapp.com/library/jcsp>

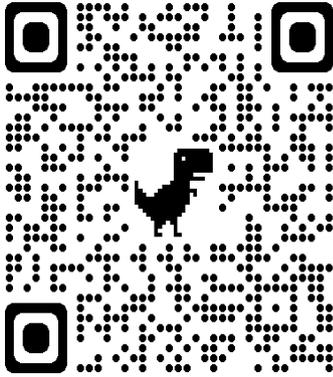
As a JCSP school we are so fortunate that every student has access to this online library. Of course we would prefer to have students with a real book in their hands, but in our current times, these digital libraries are a blessing. Students borrow books from Sora in the same way they might borrow from real library.



4. [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie) (click on online resources - eBooks)

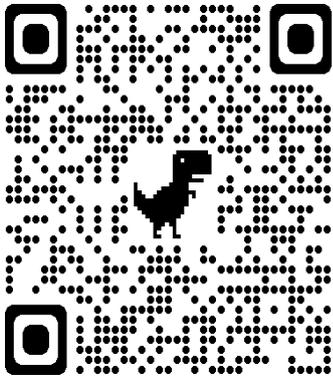
The wonderful librarians in Kerry Library, have just provided us with usernames and passwords for all our First Year students. This is yet another resource for students to access books they want to read.

## QR CODES FOR THE WEBSITES



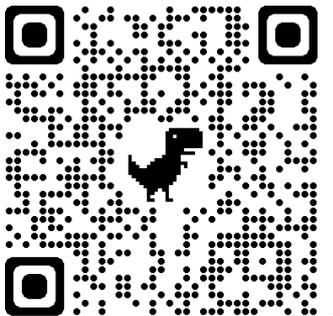
ACCELERATED READER (Testing and Quizzing)

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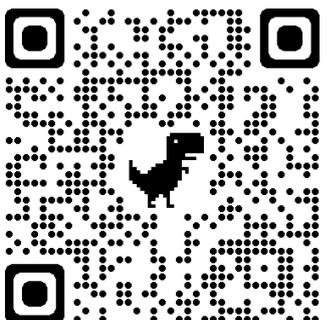
AR Bookfinder (Find a book on the AR system)

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Sora App : Online library - Free to JCSP students

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Borrow Box: Online library- First Years are members