

Caldecote Primary School, Cambridge

Mrs Dee Butler, IT Co-ordinator at Caldecote Primary School has been using Accelerated Reader (AR) for a term now and already experienced a dramatic improvement in her pupil's reading. It is used by Years 3,4,5 and 6, and five Year 2 pupils have also just started.

She has found that the boys in Year 3 and 4 especially are enthusiastic about reading; one child in particular who was very reluctant to read now reads in the line at the start of school and nearly every day asks to do a quiz. Mrs Butler declares that "His reading is really coming on leaps and bounds". This child was due to go onto an IEP (Individual Education Plan) for reading, but the progress he has made with AR means that the IEP has been suspended and his case will be reviewed again in March. His parents are very pleased.

Quiet reading is now quiet, the children are keen to read their book so they can quiz as soon as possible. Mrs Butler can now monitor what and how often the children are reading. This has been made easy by the software; "It is all at the touch of a button". She can STAR test the children as often as she likes to check their progress and have detailed notes on their development.

The children love doing the quizzes and find there is a real purpose for reading the books. They get rewards and get to show their parents how well they are doing through the TOPS Reports - their parents can then reward the children at home too.