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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Accelerated Reader for Children in Years 2 to 6**

Throughout the school year your child has been building their reading skills, along with their love of reading, using Accelerated Reader (AR) in school.

Now they can enjoy even more of those reading experiences at home. If your child is in Years 2 to 6, as well as reading at home, they can also complete AR quizzes about their books to help monitor their progress when they are learning at home during this lockdown.

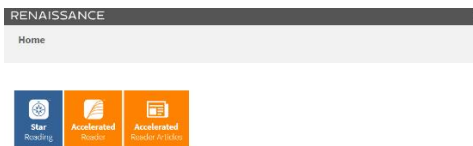
To log onto Accelerated Reader, you will need to follow this link:

[Welcome to Renaissance Place \(renlearn.co.uk\)](https://www.renlearn.co.uk)

(Please do not type in [renlearn.co.uk](https://www.renlearn.co.uk) as it will not work; pupils need to be using the exact site address. If they have typed it in incorrectly, or have tried to google search it, this will link to an incorrect site and will not allow them access.) Your child's teacher will also be sending the link out via Seesaw over the next few days with a step by step instructions video showing how to access the quizzes.

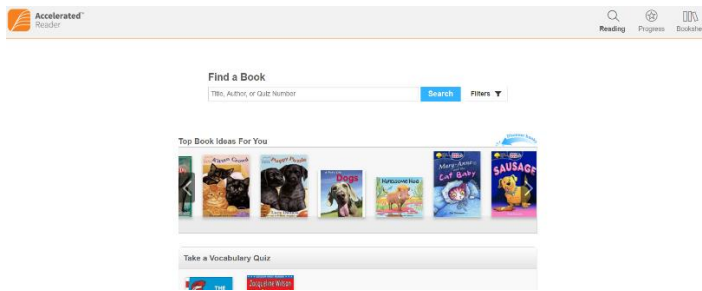
Your child will then need to log in using their login detail - if they have forgotten them, please contact the school and we will happily help you.

Once you are logged in you will see a screen like below:



You then need to click on the middle box - Accelerated Reader.

This will open up:



In the 'Find a Book' box, type in the title or the quiz number located inside the cover if it's a school book. Then follow the instructions to take the quiz. Your child should already know how to work this if they are in Years 2 to 6. Anything above 60% is a pass and is great. Teachers will be monitoring the results of quizzes in school and will be contactable if you have any queries or questions.

### Tips for supporting your child's learning at home

- Use [www.ARbookfind.co.uk](http://www.ARbookfind.co.uk) to search for books you may have at home or non-fiction articles your child can read digitally in AR.
- Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes every day.
- Talk to your child about their book. Who is their favourite character? What do they predict will happen next?
- Read to your child and listen to them read aloud to you (even strong readers benefit from this).
- Try and quiz without using the book.
- If AR targets are set, support your child by monitoring their progress and providing praise their efforts. Check out the Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader for more information:

[www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/AR-parents-guide-updated.pdf](http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/AR-parents-guide-updated.pdf)

Reminder: While it's important to share reading experiences with children at any age, it is equally important that your child completes their AR quizzes **independently** so we can effectively monitor their progress and identify areas of need that we can address.

If your child requires help on a quiz, consider the following:

- Asking your child to read the question aloud to you.
- Re-wording the question for your child
- Asking your child which answers are NOT correct
- Encouraging your child to share a daily update with you when reading their next book

For children in Reception and Year 1, some online reading materials can be accessed at <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> and we will be in touch soon with further information regarding early phonics books.

Thank you for all you are doing to support your child's reading growth. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries.

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