

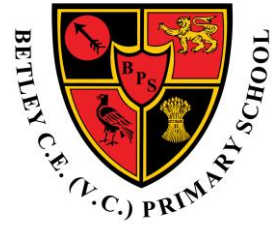
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the past few weeks, you will have noticed that your child has been bringing home reading books labelled with a decimal value rather than a colour band. This is part of our school wide 'Accelerated Reader' initiative which takes place in the classroom daily. Children are also able to choose another book from the library to read at home too (that hasn't got a decimal value on).

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to offer this initiative at home too! Your child's class teacher has assessed your child's reading skills using their professional judgement coupled with the Renaissance Learning 'Star Reader' assessment tool.

This assessment tool gives an approximate Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) level for your child. A ZPD level is two differing decimal values. (E.G. 3.1 – 4.2 or 4.7 – 5.3, there are many combinations). Your child has been encouraged to select books in school within their specific ZPD zone. The zone assigned to your child affords them with the opportunity to select from a range of suitable books which are specifically matched to their reading ability. Your child is familiar with this arrangement and has been accessing ZPD linked books for a significant amount of time.

Accelerated Reader (AR) Quizzes: One of the exciting benefits about the AR system is the additional functionality and activities it provides your child. For every reading book your child brings home from school, there is an online quiz. This quiz is specifically linked to the content in the reading book your child has just read. This excellent tool means that children can now extend their home reading with comprehension activities focussing on a range of key skills such as vocabulary, inference and retrieval.

Accessing AR Quizzes:

To access AR Quizzes at home, your child needs to do the following:

- 1) Access: <https://ukhosted51.renlearn.co.uk/6703164> (this can be a laptop, desktop or tablet)
- 2) Next, type in their username.

Username: _____

- 3) Then type in their password.

Password: _____

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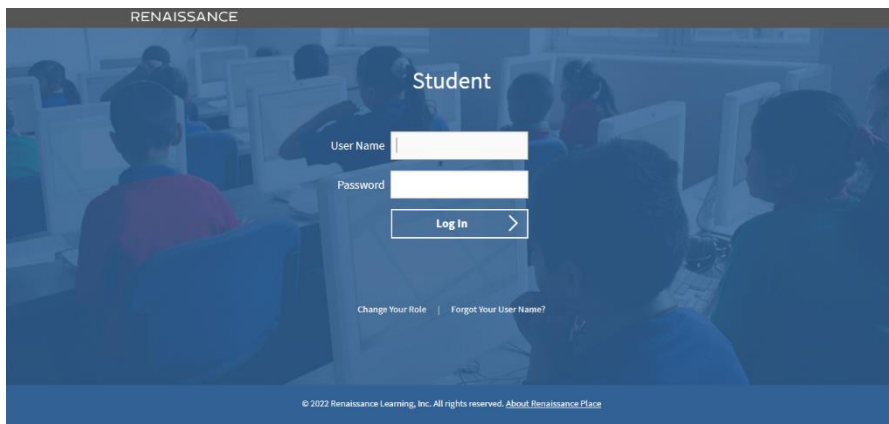
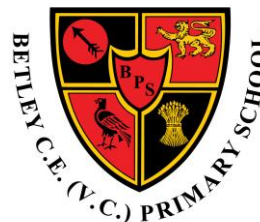
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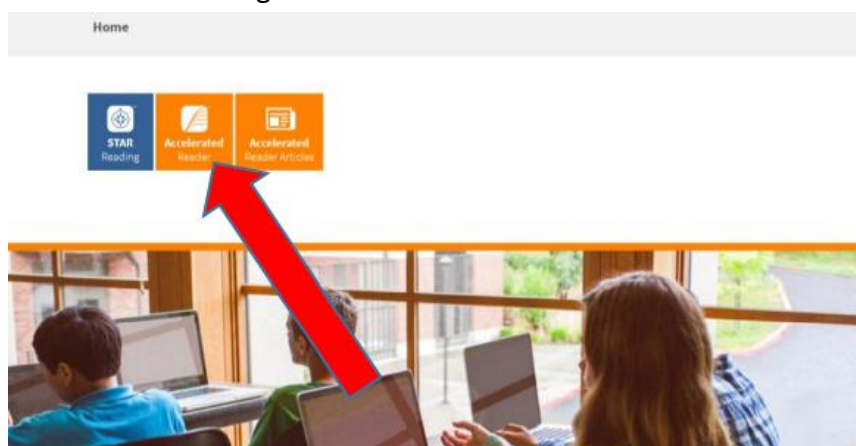
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4) Click 'Log in'

5) On the next screen (see below) select Accelerated Reader, an orange icon indicated by the red arrow on the image below.



6) On the next screen (see below), type in the name of the book your child has just finished reading.

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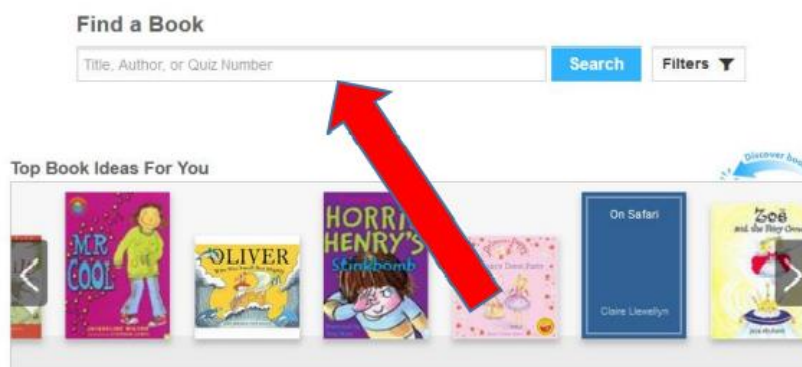
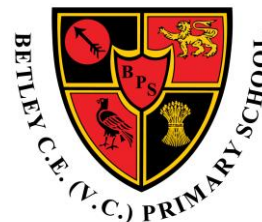
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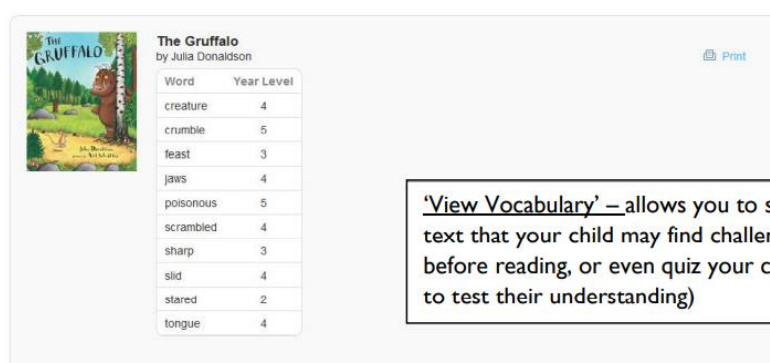
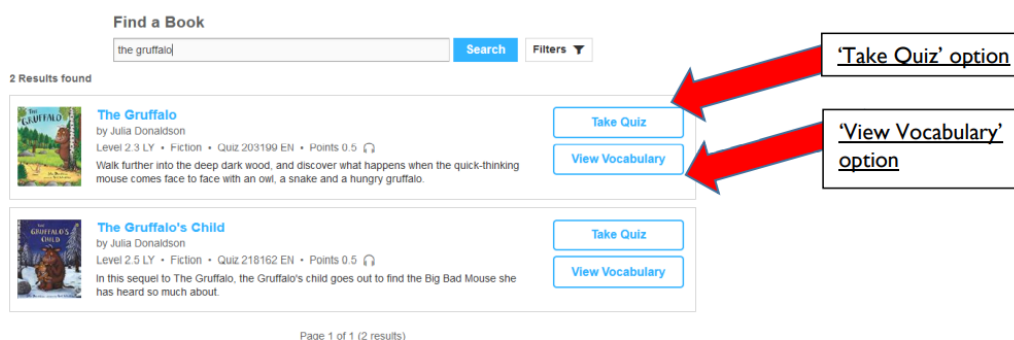
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7) Now you will have on screen a list of options for you to select from. In my example, I searched for 'The Gruffalo - by Julia Donaldson'. Following this you have two options. You can select 'Take Quiz' or 'View Vocabulary'.



'View Vocabulary' – allows you to see any words within the text that your child may find challenging. You can clarify these before reading, or even quiz your child on them after reading to test their understanding)

8) When you have selected 'Take Quiz', the following screen appears. Select how you read the book, did you read the book to your child? Did you read it with your child? Or did your child read it on their own? You can choose whether you'd like the questions to be read aloud with the 'Recorded Voice' option. Next, click the blue 'Start Quiz' button.

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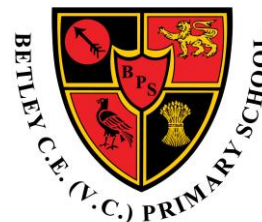
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The screenshot shows the 'The Gruffalo' quiz interface. On the left is the book cover for 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler. On the right is the quiz configuration panel. It includes a 'Quiz type' dropdown set to 'RP Reading Practice' with a checkmark. Below it is a section 'How did you read the book?' with three radio button options: 'I was read to', 'I read with someone' (which is selected and has a checkmark), and 'I read by myself'. At the bottom of this section is a 'Recorded Voice' toggle set to 'On'. A blue 'Start Quiz' button is at the bottom of the panel. Two large red arrows point from the right towards the 'I read with someone' option and the 'Recorded Voice' toggle.

9) Now you will be given a series of questions. They can take different forms and have different levels of difficulty; an example is provided below. Select the answer to the question at the top of the page. Each book has a varying number of questions.

The screenshot shows a single quiz question. At the top, it says 'Question 1 of 5'. The question text is 'The fox invited the mouse to ---.' Below the question are four multiple-choice options, each with a blue circular letter and a text description: 'A take a ride on his furry back', 'B go for a swim in the river', 'C go to a birthday party with him', and 'D have lunch in his underground home'.

10) Once they finish the quiz, your child will be given the opportunity to judge how much they enjoyed the book. Following this, they will be provided with a report on how well they have scored on their quiz. The feedback indicates which questions were correct and which were incorrect. Your child's teacher also receives in-depth feedback for every quiz they complete – even if these are completed at home.

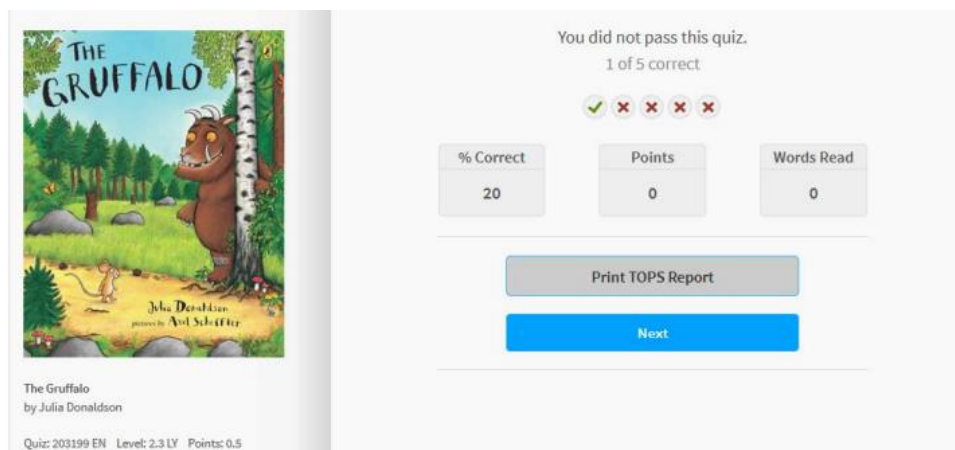
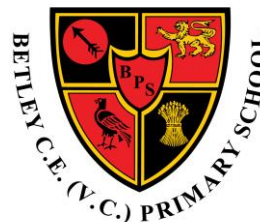
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11) If your child has not passed the quiz, they should re-read the book with some additional adult support before reattempting the quiz. They will not be able to re-attempt the quiz immediately. Your child is given points for each quiz they correctly complete. They have their own unique homepage which tracks their progress. Every time they log back in they can see their score increasing, incentivising additional attempts at quizzes.

We hope this guide will enable you and your child to access AR Quizzes at home with their home reading books from school.

An added bonus of the system is that you can manually see if any of your existing books from home have AR quizzes linked to them and complete these too. This enables your home library to feed into the AR system and provides hours of additional learning for your child. If you have any queries regarding the Accelerated Reader system, or AR Quizzes, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs R Johnson
Literacy Leader