

RENAISSANCE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child uses a programme called **Accelerated Reader** at school to measure their reading progress and to build their love of reading. You may have heard your child talking about **quizzing** after reading a book or choosing a book within their **ZPD range** and at the right **book level** for them. Children also receive **points** for books they have read, and your school may be running competitions or feedback to parents and guardians about the points your child has achieved.

During this period of remote learning, your child can still access Accelerated Reader and take quizzes as they would normally do throughout the year. **If your child is unsure what their login details are or how to access the site, please contact the school.**

Accelerated Reader works by guiding children to books that are the right level of challenge for them; helping ensure they can comfortably access what they are reading independently, but also have room to grow and progress in their reading ability. You can learn more about Accelerated Reader, and all other Renaissance programmes on our website, www.renlearn.co.uk/parent-resources.

To find books that are the right level of challenge for them, the programme includes an assessment called **Star Reading**. These assessments are normally conducted within school under test conditions to help children concentrate and get the most accurate result for them. We are planning to run these assessments remotely this year and need your help.

Here are some key pieces of information to support you:

- The Star Reading test is not a pass/fail assessment, but instead measures your child's ability to ensure they are reading the right books for them and receiving the correct support from the school. **Please do not help them with the test, it is important the test is completed independently.**
- The test should take **at least 20 minutes** to complete. Make sure they take their time and do not rush. It may help to provide a stopwatch so they can measure their pace.
- There may be an authorisation password required before your child starts the test. This will most likely be **admin**. If this doesn't work, please contact your school.
- There is a time limit for each question but remind them **not to panic if they see a clock at the top of the screen**. If they are unsure of the answer, they should try their best to pick the most likely answer, but don't worry if the question times out before they have picked one.
- The test is computer adaptive and will adapt to your child. This means **the questions will get harder as they answer correctly**. Remind them not to panic – this means they are doing well.

There is further guidance for you and your child on the Renaissance website (www.renlearn.co.uk/renaissance-everywhere), including a checklist to support you before starting the assessment. If you are still unsure about any of this process, please contact your school.

We appreciate that these are challenging and uncertain times for both you and your child and we are very grateful for everything you are doing to ensure their learning remains as consistent as possible during this period.

Kind regards,



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