

Parent's Guide to Accelerated Reader and Home Connect

This year we have we introduced Accelerated Reader in Key Stage 2 to work alongside our home learning and to support your child's return following the Covid-19 school closures.

What is Accelerated Reader?

Children complete an online reading assessment every few months. As part of the results, children receive a ZPD number (zone of proximal development) which indicates the range of books most suitable for your child to read in order to make effective progress (e.g. 3.2 to 4.1). Most books in school have been labelled with a book level to support your child in selecting books matched to their ZPD.

Once children have finished their book, they complete a short quiz on a tablet in school. These are multiple choice retrieval questions to check your child's understanding what they have read.

We have already seen a positive response from pupils and parental feedback about children's engagement with reading.

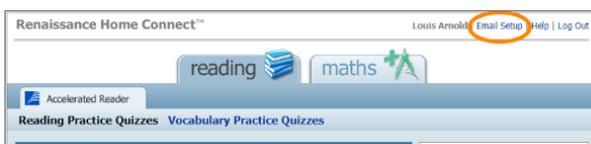
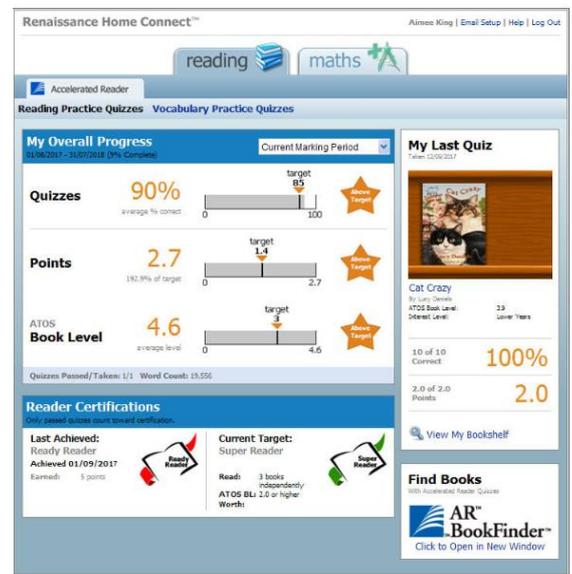
'...she is keen to read more frequently and I think the quizzes are a huge factor so thank you for introducing them.'

Year 4 parent

Home Connect

We are pleased that you will soon have access to Home Connect as a way of monitoring and encouraging your child's reading practice. We are confident that you will find it to be a valuable tool for monitoring your child's progress. Research confirms that parental involvement in a child's education is a strong predictor of student achievement.

Thank you for your support, involvement and encouragement with your child's reading



Email Setup

Share Results and Progress

First Name

First Name may be shared with your teacher.

Email

Retype Email

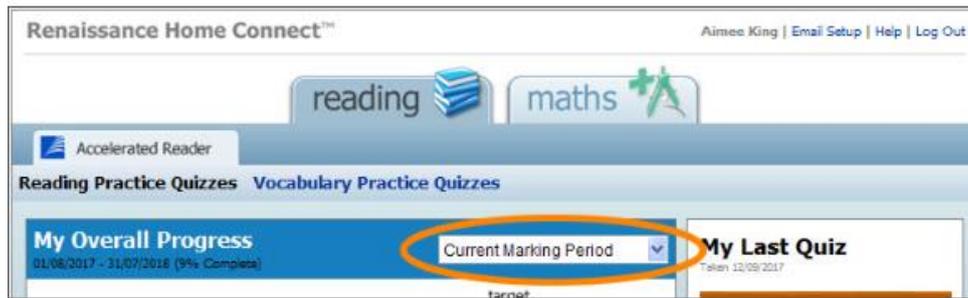
An invitation email will be sent to this person when you click Add. They will need to respond and accept before more emails will be sent.

If you have questions about using Renaissance Home Connect email, please contact your teacher.

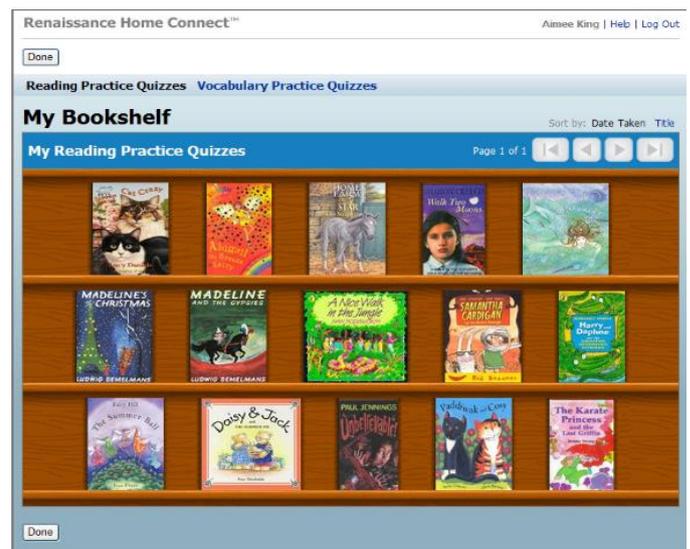
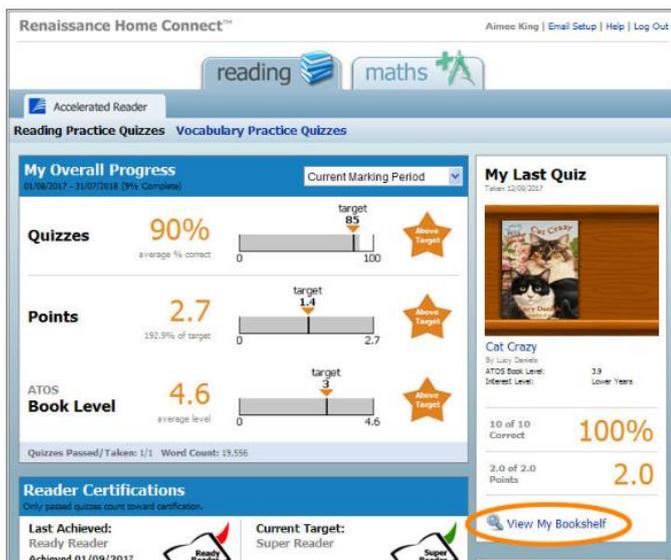
Accelerated Reader:

- 1- Accelerated Reader progress includes average percentage correct on quizzes, number of points earned and results on the last quiz.
- 2- You have the option to receive email notifications at home or at work when your child has completed an Accelerated Reader quiz.

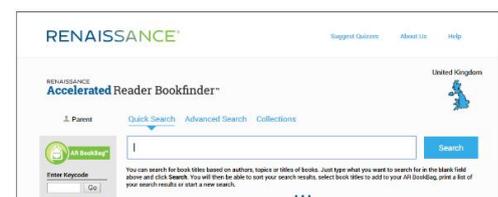
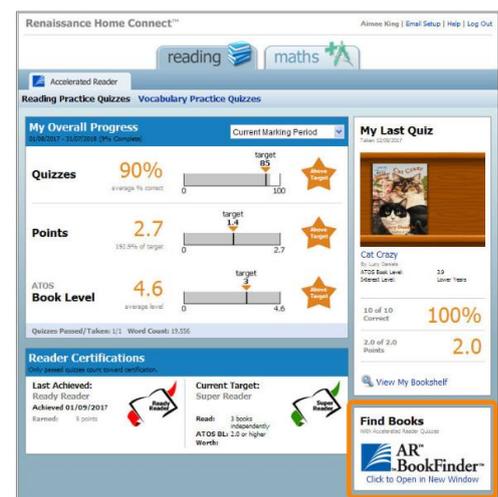
- 3- Your child's progress toward reading targets can be monitored by either marking period or school year by using the drop-down menu.



- 4- The bookshelf enables you and your child to see all the books the child has read. By clicking on a book cover, you can get details on the book such as book level, word count, points and more.



- 5- Home Connect links to Accelerated Reader Bookfinder, the online search tool that makes it easy for you and your child to search for the next Accelerated Reader book to read.



- 6- The Vocabulary Practice Quizzes screen provides a list of words learned and results on the child's latest Vocabulary Practice Quiz.

The top screenshot shows the Renaissance Home Connect interface with 'Vocabulary Practice Quizzes' highlighted in orange. The bottom screenshot shows the 'My Words Learned' table and 'My Last Quiz' results.

Word	Year Level	Word	Year Level
bizarre	11	reluctantly	8
autobiography	9	retorted	8
detention	9	transformed	8
sabotage	9	abruptly	7
undertone	9	cancelled	7
aghast	8	collapsed	7
chuck	8	gaunt	7
consequences	8	guardian	7
convicted	8	highly	7
culprit	8	massive	7
illuminated	8	omen	7
livid	8	parchment	7
murderous	8	regain	7
pathetic	8	tethered	7
potion	8		

Words in bold are from your last quiz.

Quizzes Taken: 2 Words Learned/Possible: 29/30 Avg Word Year Level: 7.9

My Last Quiz
Taken 08/09/2018

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
By J.K. Rowling
ATOS Book Level: 6.7
Lexia Measure Interest Level:

First-Try New Words: 14/15
Second-Try New & Review Words: 2/2

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Renaissance Home Connect?

Home Connect is a tool that connects the school and home to keep parents informed of their child's progress in Accelerated Reader and encourages the child to practice reading and maths at home.

How does Renaissance Home Connect help me improve my child's reading progress?

You can view your child's progress toward reading targets and reader certification, and view all books that your child has read and quizzes your child has taken.

You can view all words a child has learned through Vocabulary Practice Quizzes. In addition, words the child missed are clearly marked so you can help your child learn those words.

You can access an online search tool, Accelerated Reader Bookfinder, to search for books using various criteria, including author, subject or reading level.

You can receive emails that reveal results for Reading Practice Quizzes and Vocabulary Practice Quizzes and provide links to the website where you can check progress.

How do I get access to Renaissance Home Connect?

You will have received a personalised letter giving details of the web address to access Home Connect as well as your child's login details. The Home Connect web link is on our Online Learning page of the school website. You will also be able to set up a link to receive alerts about your child's quiz results. Please email Mrs Kerr if you need this letter resent to you – kkerr@pevenseyschool.org.uk

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