

Reading is vital for children to be able to access the whole of the curriculum. Whether reading a fiction book, a book they've read over and over again, non-fiction or a comic, it all counts!

We would love for you to encourage your children to keep reading. With this in mind, we have managed to set up the following.

Accelerated Reader (AR) – Junior School

During this unprecedented time, our in-school reading system of Accelerated Reader has been opened to allow access from home. This means that children can continue to read (books from home and online) and can take a 'quiz' to see how well they have understood what they have read. (AR has thousands of books, but some that you read might not be available.)

How do I access the site?

To access the AR quiz please use the following link:

<https://ukhosted91.renlearn.co.uk/2249559/>

This link is a private, unique link for the Juniors, so please do not share access with anyone other than your child.

Once on the Renaissance (AR) page your child can log on as they would in school. They should be able to remember their log-ins. The majority of usernames are the initial of the child's first name followed by the first four letters of their surname. It can be written in either upper or lower case.

e.g. Emma Mutch would be emutc

(There are a few exceptions to this, for instance if 2 children have the same names etc). If your child is one of these very few children that cannot remember how to access the site due to a different log-in, please contact the school via enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Password is password.

Please ensure your child is only accessing their own page whilst they carry out the quiz. They will only get 3 chances to correctly log on before they are blocked so please help them to log on as it will be impossible, with the very few

staff we have in school, to manage sorting out a large number of blocked accounts.

Your child should be able to negotiate the site themselves, but if they can't remember:

1. <https://ukhosted91.renlearn.co.uk/2249559/>
2. Type username and password
3. Click Accelerated Reader (orange icon)
4. Type the title or author in the find a book bar
5. When the book has been located click take quiz

Can I check if a book is available before we start to read?

If you would like to carry out a search to see if the book has a quiz available, please search on <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

How else can I find books?

You can use:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://readon.myon.co.uk/library/browse.html>

(These books will not be on AR but there are some great reads on there! We are in talks with them to open up the link to AR but at the moment they are just to enjoy reading.)

Re-read books you already have at home.

www.audible.co.uk/

Listen to a selection of audiobooks for free

Follow authors on Twitter – many are reading their books for free during this time, e.g. David Walliams.

Finally...

In school all teachers love reading a 'class novel' to children. The Juniors are trying to set up an app that can be accessed from your home so that some of the teachers from school can read books to your children.

...More to follow soon when the system is set up.