Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupils at Howley Grange have been building their reading skills, along with their love of reading, using Accelerated Reader in the classroom and should be reading for **at least 20 minutes a day**. In response to these current exceptional circumstances, we are now enabling our students to complete AR quizzes at home.

To access this you must use this unique link: [Howley Grange Renaissance at home](https://ukhosted58.renlearn.co.uk/6702136)

Your child can now log on as a student using their username and password as they would at school.

Once on the home page, choose the orange ‘Accelerated Reader’ tile to take a quiz. Type in the title of the book, author or quiz number and your child is ready to start.

You may also want to look at your child’s progress and books read using the tabs on the top right corner of the page. Please bear in mind that staff have not been able to reset targets due to the current situation. Your child’s current book level is shown on the progress page as ‘suggested ZPD:’ The two numbers that come after this, show the range of book levels your child should be reading. E.g. Suggested ZPD: 3.2 - 4.9 means book levels between 3.2 and 4.9.

While it is important to share reading experiences with your child at any age, it is equally important that they complete their AR quizzes **independently** so we can effectively monitor their growth and identify areas of need that we can address.

If you wish to support your child with the quizzes, you can do so in the following ways:

* Discuss the book with your child as the book is being read
* Ask your child to read the quiz question aloud
* Re-word questions for them, if necessary
* Ask your child which answers are **not** correct and eliminate them as choices

You can use the [Accelerated Reader Bookfinder](https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/) website to search for a book and see if a quiz is available. This search will also provide the Book Level (B.L.) of the book. Children can read books that are outside of their suggested levels, especially if they want to read them. The book level is a guide given to enable optimum growth as a reader, rather than reading books that are too easy or difficult.

There are also several websites that have made books available online for children to access:

[myON](https://readon.myon.co.uk/) is part of Renaissance.  Children have free unlimited access to thousands of digital books which are linked to Accelerated reader.

[audible - children's stories](https://stories.audible.com/start-listen) has made their children’s collection free to access. You will need to search [Accelerated Reader Bookfinder](https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/) to see if there is a quiz for the book and your child will need to choose the option saying the book was read to them before taking the quiz.

If you have any problems accessing or using Accelerated Reader from home, please do not hesitate to contact me via our school email [info@howley.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@howley.dudley.sch.uk). Please address your email to Mrs Graham, give a brief description of the problem and I will reply as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and stay safe,

Mrs Graham