

Dear Parent/ Carer

At the beginning of the school year, all Y7 classes were introduced to a reading programme, **Accelerated Reader**, as part of their curriculum.

What is Accelerated Reader?

- An online programme offering a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles to suit your child's reading ability and interests
- Fun online comprehension quizzes linked to rewards
- Monitors individual reading time
- Promotes reading for pleasure
- Improves vocabulary, aids concentration, develops empathy.

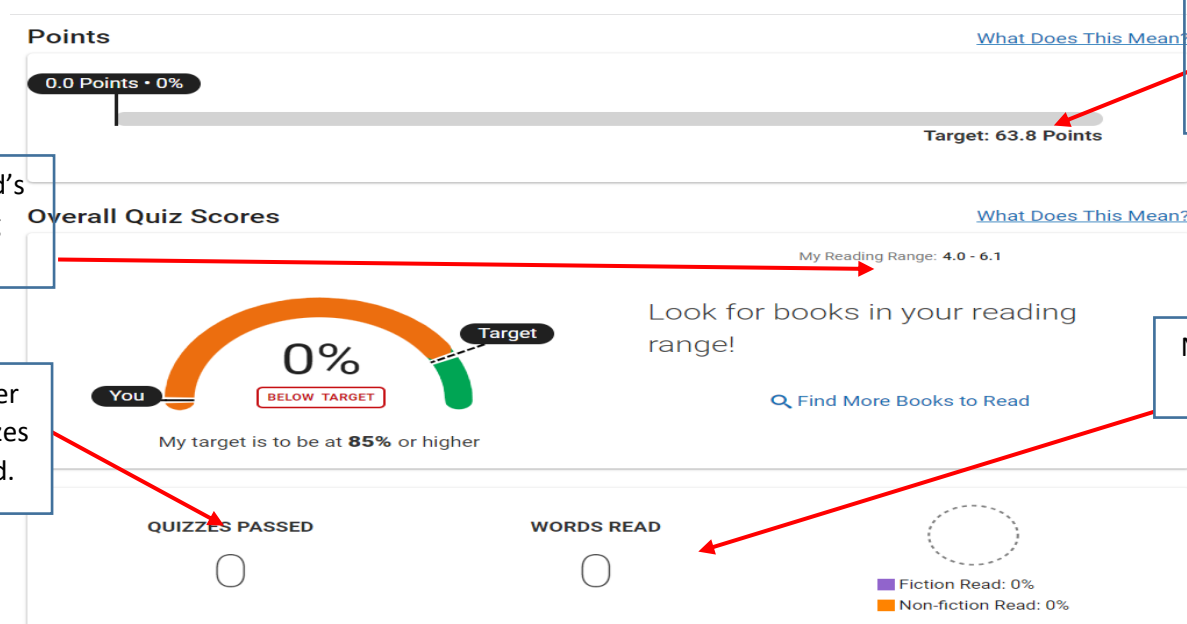
Pupils are required to log in to their account every time they have finished reading a book and answer a series of questions that test their reading comprehension skills. Quizzes can be accessed from home or school.

How can I monitor my child's progress?

You have access to your child's account from home, through the school MLE.

To determine what your child is reading, view their quiz results, and latest reading levels, and how to access the programme, see the letter attached.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could also have conversations about their reading habits, monitor their quiz results, and ensure they are reading at the correct level for their ability.



What are our expectations?

- Students should be quizzing once every two weeks **as a minimum** (depending on the length of the book) and reading for at least **an hour each week** to fulfil their English homework expectations.
- The aim is to achieve 85% and over on comprehension quizzes – this is the optimum score to show that reading progress is being made, but also, that your child is reading a book which is sufficiently challenging.
- Students should record their reading on their planners (Page 129) and **obtain a parent's signature each week** to ensure this is up to date.
- Reading books are part of your child's equipment and should be brought into school each day.

If you have any queries, please E mail: rbird@ecclesfield-mlt.co.uk