

Dear Parents,

I know some of you have been having difficulties accessing the online reading materials and I appreciate that this must be very frustrating for you, so thank you for your patience and perseverance. I have outlined below some of the common problems and suggestions for how to try to solve them.

Accelerated Reader

The most common problem is not using the correct URL address which links Accelerated Reader to St.Bede's school. Please make sure you type <https://ukhosted99.renlearn.co.uk/6708899/> in the address bar at the top of the page and not in the Google search bar.

Alternatively, you may find it easier to use the Accelerated Reader links which have been added to the useful websites section at the bottom of each class page on the school website.

Oxford Reading Buddy

URL - <http://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/>

Please be patient with this site as it is still in development and prone to glitches. The company are working hard to resolve the problems, but in the meantime we can expect disruptions to the service. If you find it difficult to log in, it is sometimes worth trying at a different time as high volumes of users can affect access to the site.

If it still does not work, try opening the website by using a different browser. Oxford Reading Buddy works best on the most widely used browsers – see below for details. Reading Buddy will always support the latest two versions of these browsers. Updates tend to happen automatically when a device is connected to the internet. If not, the latest version can be downloaded from the internet.

Windows

Internet Explorer 11

Edge

Google Chrome

Mozilla Firefox

Apple OS

Safari

Linux

Firefox

Google Chrome

iOS

Safari

Google Chrome

Android

Google Chrome

Firefox

Home access to books and reading materials

South Tyneside Library Services

Perhaps the best way to access quality books from home is to borrow them free of charge from the library. If you are already a member, you are set ready to go to borrow ebooks or audio books from the library services. Either google South Tyneside Library ebooks or use the link below.

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/34332/eBooks-and-online-magazines>

Don't worry if you are not already a member: it is quick and easy to join online and best of all it is FREE.

The link below should direct you to the appropriate page.

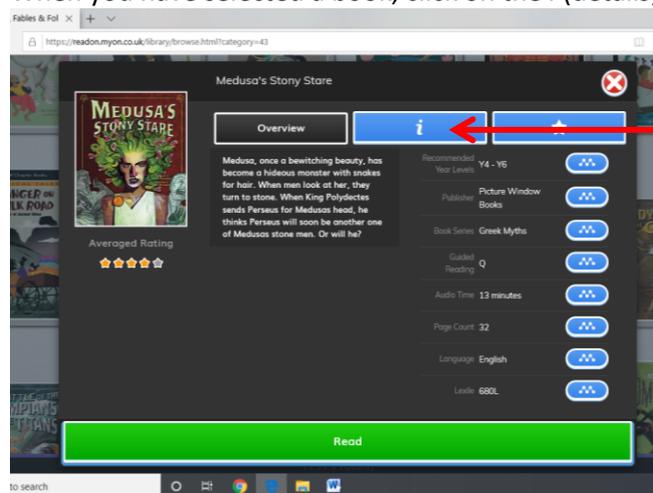
<https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/southtyneside/join>

MyOn

Accelerated Reader is offering free access to their online library of digital books for a limited time

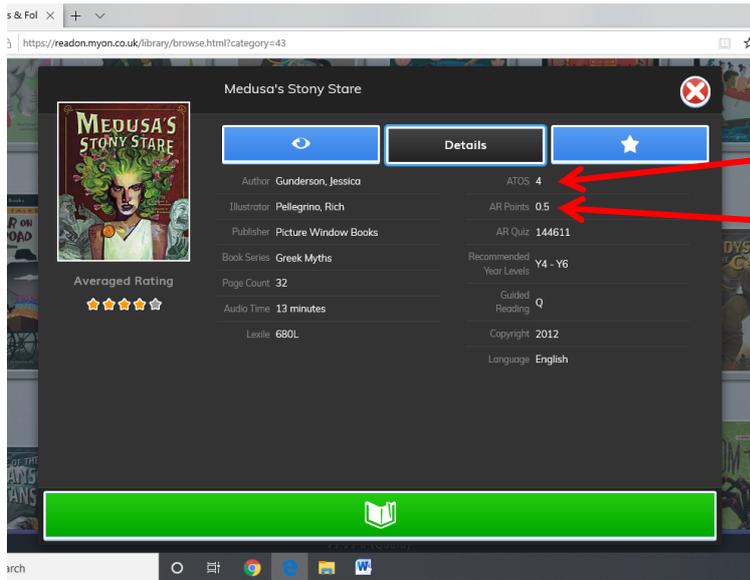
<https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

When you have selected a book, click on the *i* (details) which will provide details about the book.



Click here to find details about the book.

The ATOS score is the book level (same as the ZPD on your child's bookmark) and the AR points tells you how many points you will earn for successfully reading the book (this is based on the number of words in the book). To see if there is a book quiz on Accelerated Reader your child will need to log in to Accelerated Reader and type in either the name of the book or the AR quiz number. (N.B. Not all of the quizzes will be accessible because you are using the trial version, but don't worry about this; you could always keep a record of the books you have read in your reading journal).



ATOS = book level (Try to keep close to ZPD on bookmark)

AR points – Points earned towards points target on bookmark.

Oxford Owl

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

Register to join the Oxford Owl website – it is free and gives you access to support, resources and free e-books to read.

Collins Big Cat ebooks

Access 330+ free ebooks

Go to **Collins Connect** (<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/Portal.aspx>)

Click on the Teacher Portal and enter:

Username: **parents@harpercollins.co.uk**

Password: **Parents20!**

And click login

Worksheets are also available

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks>

Epic

<https://www.getepic.com/>

This website is offering a 30 day trial for parents to enable instant access to 40,000 digital books.

Audible

https://stories.audible.com/start-listen?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_hm_hb

A selection of stories which are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet during school closures.

Other Useful Websites

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/3-5>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/5-7>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/7-11>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

<https://www.waterstones.com/category/childrens-teenage>

<https://www.whsmith.co.uk/books/childrens-books-and-picture-books/bks00080/>

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/genres/children.html>

Phonics

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

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Hopefully, I have given you enough ideas to help the children to continue on their reading journeys. With time to spare, there is nothing better to get away from it all than to snuggle up with a good book and enjoy a good read. I am already missing all of the children's book chatter and enthusiasm for reading, so I am looking forward to hearing some really good book recommendations when we get back to school. It would be wonderful if in the meantime the children could write some book reviews ready to share with their friends.

Happy reading everyone!

Thinking of you all – take care.

Mrs Devine