

## Accelerated Reader Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank-you for your continued support and championing of your children's reading during this ongoing social distancing period. We are delighted to hear that so many children are continuing on their reading journey!

Going forward, you'll have seen the exciting new orange AR button on the School website. This means your child can now access Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes at home. The process for your child to access this is as follows:

Click on the orange AR button.

Click on the 'I am a student' option.

The User Name is the number that your child uses to log into their school account. If s/he has forgotten this, please email your child's English teacher or me [CProudfoot-taylor@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:CProudfoot-taylor@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk) and we can send it to you.

The Password is 'password' – we don't recommend that your child changes this as passwords are often forgotten or mis-typed.

You'll then see a range of choices:



Star Reading (we use this to assess student progress 3 times a year – this is not suitable for Home Learning)



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader articles

## Taking a Quiz

When your child has read a book and skimmed it through thoroughly again to recap, then they should choose the



'Accelerated Reader' button.

This will take them to the 'Find a Book' page, where they can enter the title or author of the book and then take the quiz.

The purpose of these quizzes is to determine whether your child has read a book, to measure his/her literal comprehension of the book and to provide immediate feedback. Each Reading Practice Quiz consists of 5, 10 or 20 multiple-choice questions depending on book level and length. The quizzes are timed, so your child should answer each question carefully, working in a quiet, focussed environment.

When the quiz is finished, your child will be able to see their progress. We recommend 85% as a Pass rate.

Your child's score on each quiz is recorded and reviewed by teachers. If you have any questions about your child's scores and progress, please email me: [CProudfoot-taylor@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:CProudfoot-taylor@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk)

## **Choosing a New Book**

If your child has passed the quiz, then s/he is ready to choose a book at the same or higher Book Level. At this point, it is worth having a conversation about their score. If your child scored lower than 90%, it would be more productive for them to choose a book at a lower Book Level. If s/he scored at 90% or higher, they should consider a more challenging read for their next book.

## **What is a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)?**

In independent literature-based reading, ZPD is the range of books that will challenge a child without causing frustration or loss of motivation. Your child's current ZPD range is written in the front of their Reading Log, based on their termly STAR test results. Example – if your child's ZPD is 4.3 – 6.7, then any texts at Book Level (BL) 4.3 are likely to be easier for your child to read and any texts at BL 6.7 are likely to be much more challenging. The Book Levels are shown on all of the books on the AR website.

## **Non-Fiction Reading**

Your child can also choose the orange 'Accelerated Reader Articles' button to access a huge range of non-fiction articles across a wide range of areas including Animals, The World, Kids, Health and Money. Each of these has a BL in the same way as the books eg 5.3 etc.

When your child has selected and finished reading an article, click 'Finish' at the bottom and start the questions.

A score is awarded at the end of the quiz but this is not included in your child's overall reading progress.

Please email me: [CProudfoot-taylor@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:CProudfoot-taylor@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk) if you have any questions about Accelerated Reader or wish to discuss your child's progress in their reading.

Yours faithfully,

Cuedda Proudfoot-Taylor (Ms).

## Other reading links

There is a wealth of free literature on the Internet at the moment, so to take advantage of this please have a look at the following sites:

### 1. World Book Day

**From:** World Book Day <[hi@worldbookday.com](mailto:hi@worldbookday.com)>

**Subject:** Visit our book ideas hub for brilliant stay-at-home activities



## Head to our book ideas hub

While you are at home, we're here to help with [fun ideas, crafty activities, and free booky resources](#) you can all enjoy together. Featuring key **World Book Day activities** and resources as well as **ideas from our literacy partners and all your favourite authors and illustrators**, it's a great opportunity to share stories and enjoy the magic of books. We'll be updating our ideas hub over the coming weeks with new ideas to inspire all ages from mini bookworms to older readers.

Here are 5 to get you started:

1. Get creative & **make your favourite book characters** using wooden spoons, potatoes or jam jars – check out our [gallery for inspiration](#),
2. Watch our [author & illustrator masterclass videos](#) complete with **creative challenges** to enjoy afterwards,
3. [#DrawwithRob](#) – our wonderful World Book Day illustrator, Rob Biddulph, is running drawing sessions for something fun to do together ([check out the latest videos](#)) – you can even learn how to draw your very own [World Book Day bookmark character](#)!
4. **Quiz o'clock!** Why not set up your own quiz afternoon with our book quizzes for [older](#) and [younger](#) bookworms or play our [bumper quiz online](#)?

5. **Set up your own virtual book club** – for older readers, why not choose one of the books on our [POWER LIST](#) to get you started and use our [readalong guidelines](#) to inspire you to make up your own questions and join in with friends?

## BOOK IDEAS HUB

**SHARE A MILLION STORIES UPDATE** – A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who took part in our Share A Million Stories campaign for the month of World Book Day. Across the nation you shared a phenomenal **2.5 million stories**. You are all amazing! With more time at home together in the coming weeks, we're carrying on with our shared Reading Revolution and keeping the live total going! Make time in your home-school calendars to spend at least **10 minutes a day, every day** sharing stories.

We always love to hear what you're up to and how you're sharing stories and enjoying books so please do get in touch on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

**Stay safe, well and healthy,**

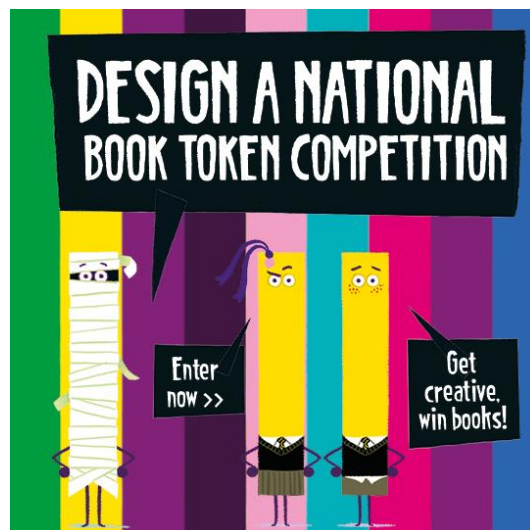
The World Book Day Team



## Audiobooks for all

Snuggle up to listen to an audiobook together with our smorgasbord of [awesome audiobooks](#) to enjoy courtesy of the wonderful publishers we work with. From **Elmer** to **The Jungle Book**, there's something for everyone. Why not create an audiobook equivalent of film night, complete with popcorn, PJs and pillows?

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## Get creative & win

Grab your pens and pencils as you could win **HUNDREDS of pounds** (or Euros) **worth of books** with our **National Book Tokens DESIGN A BOOK TOKEN competition**. One lucky winner's design will be made into a real-life National Book Tokens gift card, to be distributed across bookshops in time for Christmas. The competition [closes this Friday](#) so get drawing!

[Download the template](#)



## Ideas for little bookworms

Little ones will love our fantastic new storybook videos and activities based on [Tales from Acorn Wood](#) by Julia

Donaldson & Axel Scheffler, creators of *The Gruffalo* – a fantastic new way to learn and share stories. Or try one of our [Early Years Activity Days](#) based around **20 fabulous favourite picture books**, including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Oi Frog!*, *Supertato* and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

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## Fun from sunrise to sunset

We have a huge bank of [free resources](#) available so please check them out, if you haven't already. All related to your favourite books, we have craft activities, games, discussion guides and more for every age. Our activity of the week is [The Day The Crayons Quit](#) activity guide. With ideas for creating a rainbow salad, writing your own letter to the crayons and colour mixing, it'll keep you busy all day.

[Download The Day The Crayons Quit activity sheet](#)

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## 2. Audible Stories

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