

Reading Plus

Parents Guide

What is Reading Plus?

Reading Plus is an online reading programme that teaches pupils to become stronger readers. It does this by developing silent reading fluency (reading speed), then introducing more complex stories (for comprehension), and advanced vocabulary (for knowledge).

What will my child gain from using the programme?

Pupils will challenge themselves to become a better reader and in doing so, develop better reading habits. They will gain a greater understanding of what they have read and be able to independently read a variety of texts with greater speed.

How does Reading Plus work?

Pupils choose an online book from a library levelled to their reading ability. A Guided Window (used to support their reading speed) moves across the screen when reading. Once they have finished they answer 10 questions to test if they have understood what they have just read. The programme is designed to teach pupils to become a more efficient reader and they will be able to transfer that skill to any reading.

5 Steps to Success!

1. Pupils take an online assessment at school to determine the correct reading level.
2. They complete 'Start-Up'. This is a two-step process when the Reading Lessons begin. This ensures the speed of the Guided Window is set correctly.
3. Pupils need to aim for 80%+ comprehension scores when answering questions (green boxes).
4. Build Combos. To earn a Combo, pupils need to complete 2 books in a row at 80%+.
5. By collecting Combos pupils unlock new Levels.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does my child log in?

The school should have sent you information on how to log in including a site code (which is unique to the school) and your child's username and password. If you are unsure of any of these, please get in touch with the school.

Does Reading Plus work on a laptop or an iPad?

Yes, Reading Plus runs on laptops and iPads, as well as iPads Minis, tablets, Chromebooks, desktops and MacBooks. We wouldn't recommend using Reading Plus on a smart phone simply because the text is too small to read effectively.

Do I need to download an app?

Reading Plus doesn't need an app downloading - it's all accessed through a secure website.

How can I support my child when they are working on Reading Plus?

You might want to sit with them when they first use the programme. Other than that, it's just making sure that Reading Plus is used regularly as directed by the school. There are some videos you can watch (Google 'Resource Hub - Reading Solutions' and select 'Home Learning Resources for Parents and Pupils')

Can I see what my child is doing on Reading Plus?

Yes, ask your child to show you their own personalised dashboard - from this screen you will be able to see when they have been on Reading Plus, for how long, how well they are doing, as well as the level they are reading at and their reading speed.

How long should my child be on Reading Plus?

Ideally every day for about 15 minutes (at home). Little and often is best!

Why does the programme use the moving bar when my child reads?

We call this the 'Guided Window'. The Guided Window was developed to teach pupils to navigate across lines of text sequentially - this is sometimes called left to right scanning (try putting your finger on a word and moving it across the page!).

What happens if we have a problem at home?

The easiest thing to do is to contact the school. If there is a problem, they will be able to advise and/or contact Reading Plus on your behalf.