



Parents' Guide to Accelerated Reader

In Year 5 and Year 6, your child will continue to participate in the *Renaissance Accelerated Reader* program. This guide is designed to answer your questions about *Accelerated Reader*. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's English teacher or visit the Renaissance website at: www.renlearn.co.uk

What Is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that provides teachers with information required to monitor children's reading practice.

Initially, your child will take an on-line assessment (STAR assessment) at the start of the year which will inform teachers of their reading level. Using this pre-determined reading level, your child will be given a book to read at his/her own pace.

When your child finishes reading a book, they will take a short quiz (measuring comprehension, vocabulary growth and development of literacy skills) on the computer/iPad and will be given immediate feedback. A pass mark of 85% or above is an indication that your child understood what they read.

Children using *Accelerated Reader* choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading more enjoyable as they can choose books that are of interest to them.

The STAR assessment is repeated at least once every half-term to ensure your child is reading a book at a level that is appropriately challenging for them.

Using *Accelerated Reader*, we have found that reluctant readers begin to read for pleasure and voluntarily read other texts.

How much will my child read during the school day?

Your child will have at least 20-minutes of independent reading during each school day.

How can I help my child become a better reader?

Regular reading will improve performance, fluency and comprehension. Encourage your child to read at home and discuss books that each of you have read. When reading with your child, stop and ask questions to check your child's understanding of the text.

What if my child does not like reading?

Using *Accelerated Reader*, your child will choose the books he/she wants to read. The teacher will make certain the book is at the right level so that after completing the book, your child should do well on the *Accelerated Reader* Reading Practice Quiz. Success on the quiz will encourage your child to read more. With guidance from the teacher and experiencing success, even students who say they do not like reading will develop a love of reading.

How will I know how my child is doing?

Your child will record their score (out of 100%) in their planner along with any new vocabulary they have encountered. A report is produced after a child takes a quiz, showing their understanding of the book and cumulative data over the school year. This data then supports teachers in their assessment of your child.

Parents' Guide to MyON

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to be part of a digital library – *MyOn*. *MyOn* works alongside *Accelerated Reader*, providing children with access to more than 6000 digital books. This increases their access to reading materials, therefore increasing reading engagement and growth. The books are matched to children's reading level and their interests.

Teachers may assign homework through *MyOn* or children can "free-read" books of their choice and interest. *MyOn* gives access to a quiz on each book, and progress can be monitored

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's English teacher or visit the *MyOn* website: www.myon.co.uk. To log on, children use their *Accelerated Read* information.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Parents' Guide to Times Tables Rock Stars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school>

When it comes to times tables, speed and accuracy are important – the more facts you child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!

To be a times table rock star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds.

Game Modes

Single Player

Garage - the questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week. It will include multiplication *and* division questions.

As pupils start to answer questions, *TT Rock Stars* works out which facts they take longer on and will give them more of these questions to answer. The Garage is best for getting quicker at a few facts. Players get 10 coins per question.

Studio - the questions in the Studio can be anything from 1×1 up to 12×12.

TT Rock Stars calculates the mean response time from their last 10 games in the Studio and translates that time into a Rock Status.

Rock Status

≤ 1 sec/qu = Rock Hero	≤ 7 secs/qu = Unsigned Act
≤ 2 secs/qu = Rock Legend	≤ 8 secs/qu = Gigger
≤ 3 secs/qu = Rock Star	≤ 9 secs/qu = Busker
≤ 4 secs = Headliner	≤ 10 secs/qu = Garage Rocker
≤ 5 secs/qu = Support Act	> 10 secs/qu = Wannabe
≤ 6 secs/qu = Breakthrough Artist	

If you don't play in the Studio, you don't get a Rock Status.

Players earn 1 coin per question and the Studio is the place for them to set their best time across all the tables.

Soundcheck – When you play Soundcheck, you get 20 questions each with a 5-second time limit. The questions are multiplication only and evenly weighted in terms of difficulty each time you play. Players earn 5 coins per correct answer.

Multiplayer

Rock Arena - The Rock Arena allows players to compete against all other members of their Band (their Bandmates would need to join the same game in order to compete together).

A new Rock Arena game starts every 15 seconds. Once the clock starts they race to answer more questions than the others. In the Rock Arena, questions will only come from the times tables the teacher has set for the week, similar to the Garage. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Rock Festival - The Rock Festival games are open to players from around the world. Like the Arena, there is no limit to the number of players who can join a game; however, unlike the Arena, questions are selected at random from 1×1 to 12×12.

Pupils might choose the Rock Festival if they were playing at home (and therefore couldn't easily synchronise playing against a classmate) or wanted to compete against others not in their Band. They earn 1 coin per correct answer.

Times Table Rock Stars Games Mode (continued...)

Stats

If you click on your avatar icon in the top right of the screen and then click My Stats, a heatmap like the one on the next page will load. It shows how successful your child is at each of the facts.

	Grouped											Basic
	1	2	5	10	3	4	8	6	7	9	11	12
1	1 × 1	1 × 2	1 × 5	1 × 10	1 × 3	1 × 4	1 × 8	1 × 6	1 × 7	1 × 9	1 × 11	1 × 12
2	2 × 1	2 × 2	2 × 5	2 × 10	2 × 3	2 × 4	2 × 8	2 × 6	2 × 7	2 × 9	2 × 11	2 × 12
5	5 × 1	5 × 2	5 × 5	5 × 10	5 × 3	5 × 4	5 × 8	5 × 6	5 × 7	5 × 9	5 × 11	5 × 12
10	10 × 1	10 × 2	10 × 5	10 × 10	10 × 3	10 × 4	10 × 8	10 × 6	10 × 7	10 × 9	10 × 11	10 × 12
3	3 × 1	3 × 2	3 × 5	3 × 10	3 × 3	3 × 4	3 × 8	3 × 6	3 × 7	3 × 9	3 × 11	3 × 12
4	4 × 1	4 × 2	4 × 5	4 × 10	4 × 3	4 × 4	4 × 8	4 × 6	4 × 7	4 × 9	4 × 11	4 × 12
8	8 × 1	8 × 2	8 × 5	8 × 10	8 × 3	8 × 4	8 × 8	8 × 6	8 × 7	8 × 9	8 × 11	8 × 12
6	6 × 1	6 × 2	6 × 5	6 × 10	6 × 3	6 × 4	6 × 8	6 × 6	6 × 7	6 × 9	6 × 11	6 × 12
7	7 × 1	7 × 2	7 × 5	7 × 10	7 × 3	7 × 4	7 × 8	7 × 6	7 × 7	7 × 9	7 × 11	7 × 12
9	9 × 1	9 × 2	9 × 5	9 × 10	9 × 3	9 × 4	9 × 8	9 × 6	9 × 7	9 × 9	9 × 11	9 × 12
11	11 × 1	11 × 2	11 × 5	11 × 10	11 × 3	11 × 4	11 × 8	11 × 6	11 × 7	11 × 9	11 × 11	11 × 12
12	12 × 1	12 × 2	12 × 5	12 × 10	12 × 3	12 × 4	12 × 8	12 × 6	12 × 7	12 × 9	12 × 11	12 × 12
	0-1 s	1-2 s	2-3 s	3-4 s	4-5 s	5-6 s	6-7 s	7-8 s	8-9 s	9-10 s	>10 s	

Contact your child's maths teacher if...

- You have username or password issues.
- Something isn't working or you're not sure how it works.
- You have something nice to say about ttrackstars.com!

Parents' Guide to Purple Mash

Purple Mash is an online platform that allows pupils to use 2simple programmes in an easy to manage area. Work can be assigned to pupils so that staff can communicate through the work submitted and children also have greater scope to try out other areas of interest. *Purple Mash* embeds computing and digital skills across the whole curriculum with award-winning teaching and learning software.

Website: <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/cnps>

Notes

Book Title	Book Level (BL)	Quiz Date	Score
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Year 5 and Year 6 Statutory Spellings

accommodate	environment	persuade
accompany	equipment	physical
according	equipped	prejudice
achieve	especially	privilege
aggressive	exaggerate	profession
amateur	excellent	programme
ancient	existence	pronunciation
apparent	explanation	queue
appreciate	familiar	recognise
attached	foreign	recommend
available	forty	relevant
average	frequently	restaurant
awkward	government	rhyme
bargain	guarantee	rhythm
bruise	harass	sacrifice
category	hindrance	secretary
cemetery	identity	shoulder
committee	immediate	signature
communicate	immediately	sincere
community	individual	sincerely
competition	interfere	soldier
conscience	interrupt	stomach
conscious	language	sufficient
controversy	leisure	suggest
convenience	lightning	symbol
correspond	marvellous	system
criticise	mischievous	temperature
curiosity	muscle	thorough
definite	necessary	twelfth
desperate	neighbour	variety
determined	nuisance	vegetable
develop	occupy	vehicle
dictionary	occur	yacht
disastrous	opportunity	
embarrass	parliament	

My frequent spelling errors:

e.g. whith – with

Topic Word Collector:

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