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Reading Planet Online

Lilac – White

PARENT GUIDE

A guide to using Reading Planet on
Boost with your child



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WHAT IS READING PLANET ONLINE: LILAC – WHITE?

Reading Planet Online: Lilac – White offers all the Reading Planet print books from Lilac to White colour bands in interactive eBook format. The eBooks can be read in school or assigned for home reading.

Reading Planet books are designed to appeal to the tastes and interests of children who are at the very start of their reading journey, through to those who are becoming fluent and confident readers.

The books include a variety of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and plays, created by a team of established and upcoming authors and illustrators. All the books have been carefully levelled according to book banding and other criteria to ensure a very gradual progression in difficulty and length of text.

Each eBook features an optional audio recording (with each word highlighted as it is read) and a variety of Knowledge Tests to check children's understanding of what they have read.



**Lilac –
White**

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

The eBooks in Reading Planet Online are organised into four main strands:

Lift-off

Wordless fiction and non-fiction books that are designed to get children started on their reading journey and to use skills such as sequencing, retelling a narrative, and tuning into the sounds of English.

Rocket Phonics

An engaging collection of fully-decodable fiction and non-fiction books that are designed for children to practice their phonics skills as they learn to read.



WHAT IS INCLUDED?



An on-going series of adventure stories based on the lives of a group of good friends (Rav, Asha, Tess, Finn and Stefan) who live in the same apartment block on Comet Street and who go to the same primary school.



Rav



Finn



Tess



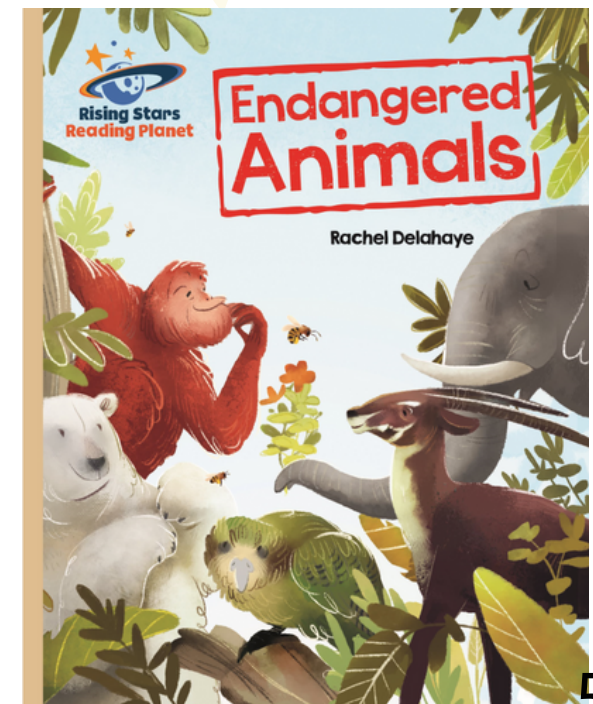
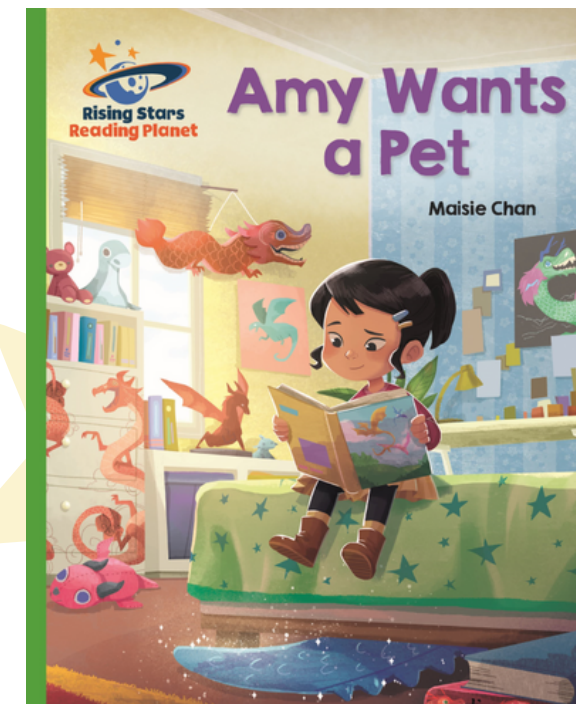
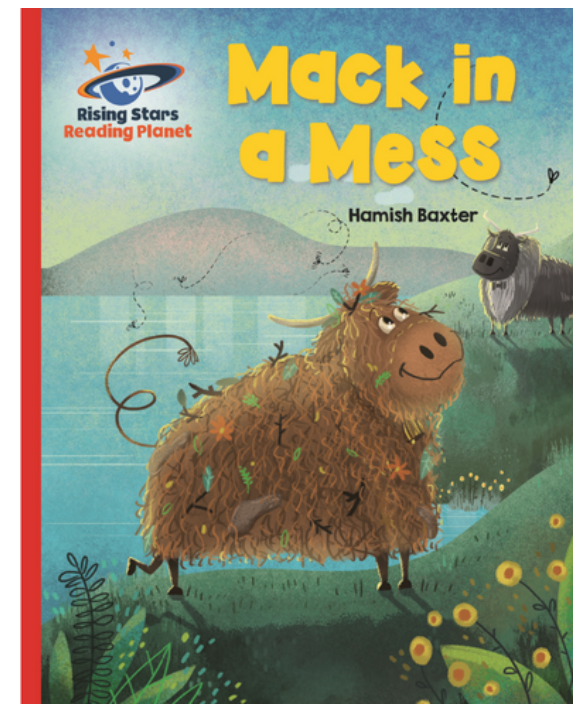
Asha



Stefan



An exciting range of fiction and non-fiction, including modern and traditional stories, poetry, plays and biographies to introduce children to wider reading for pleasure and interest across the curriculum.



INTRODUCTION TO **Boost**



Boost is an interactive online learning platform which hosts digital resources published by Hodder Education.

Depending on which resources they have subscribed to or purchased, a school may access a variety of digital resources via Boost across different subject areas such as reading, phonics, maths and science.

Reading Planet Online is accessed on the Boost website at boost-learning.com

GETTING STARTED WITH BOOST

Supported Devices

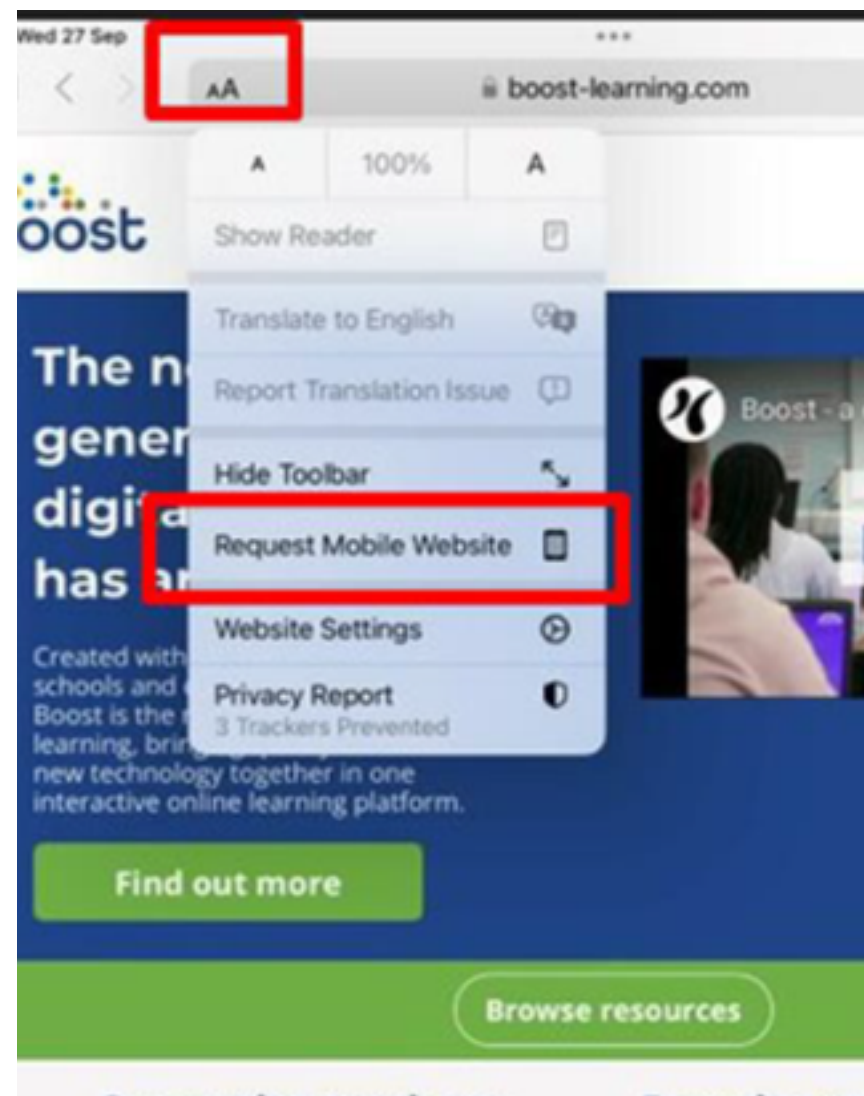
- Laptops and desktop PCs
- Android and Apple tablets and mobiles

Please ensure your chosen device has internet access and that your operating system has been updated to the latest version.

Technical requirements

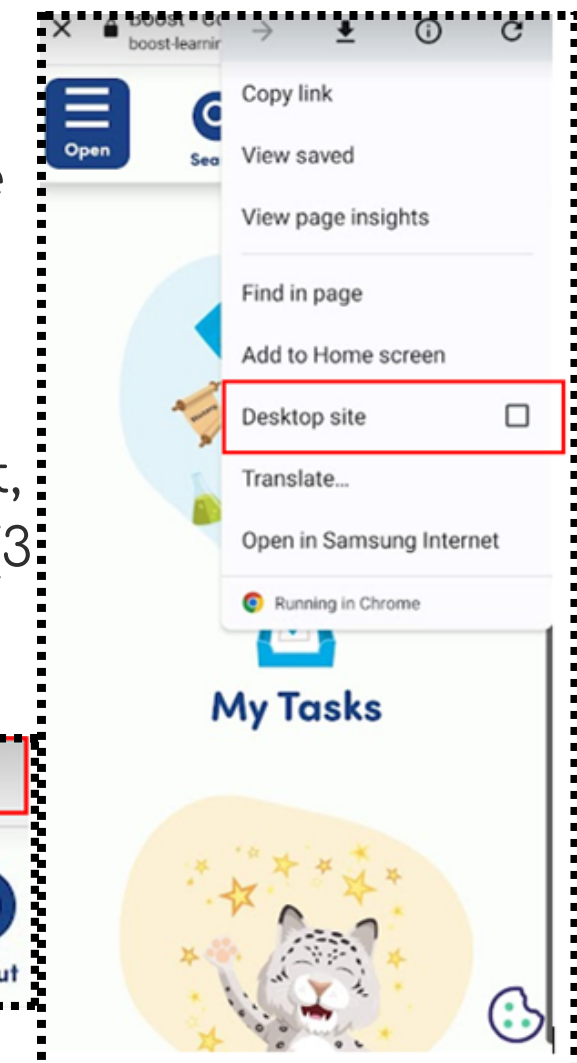
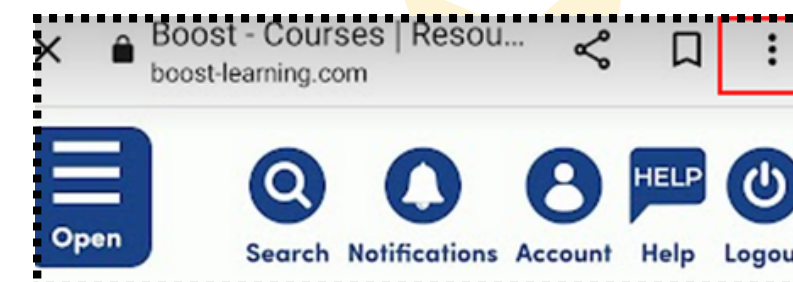
If you are using an iOS device, please request 'Mobile Website' to access resources.

Once you are logged in the account click on the AA on the menu and request 'Mobile Website'



If you use an Android phone, please enable 'Desktop Site', to access resources.

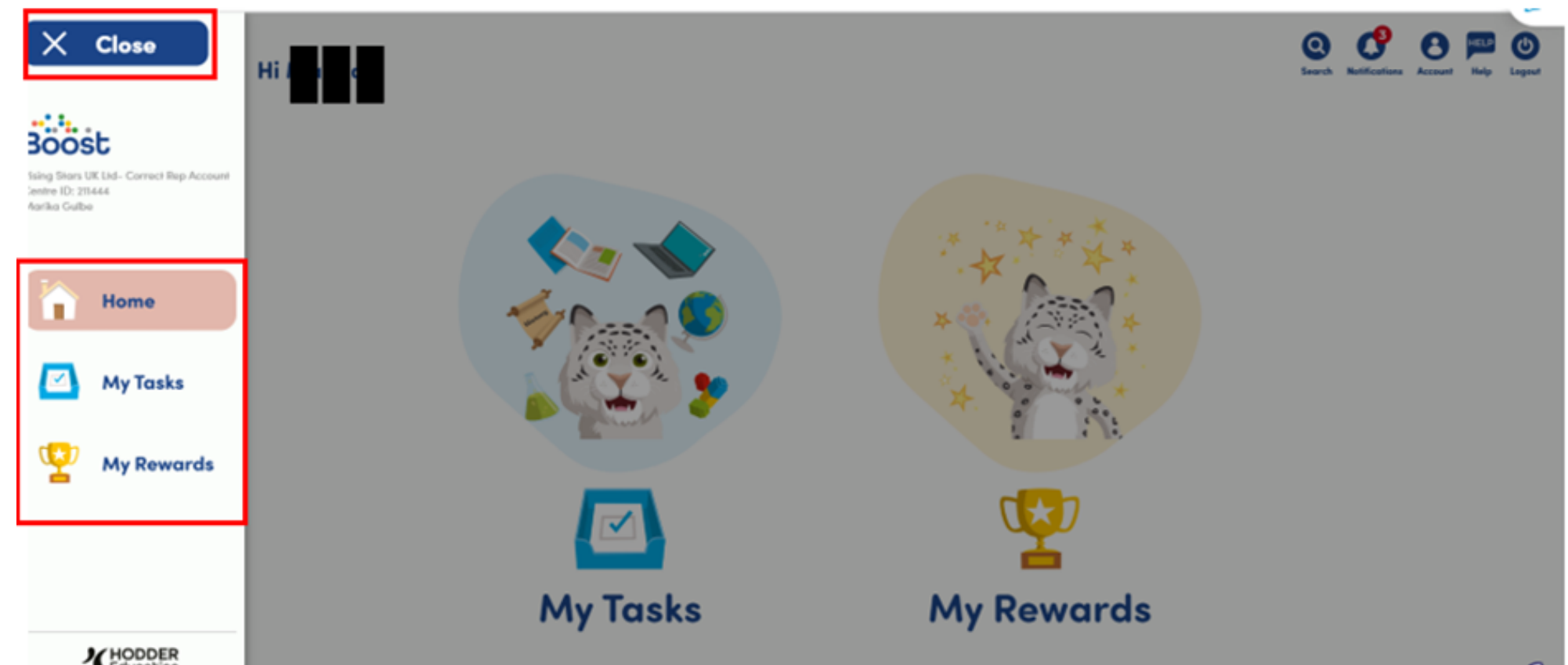
Once you are logged in the account, click on the browser settings menu (3 dot icon) and request 'Desktop Site'



BOOST LEARNER DASHBOARD

When you log into your learner account on Boost, you'll first see your dashboard. Once a Reading Planet eBook has been assigned to your child, they will appear in the 'My Tasks' area.

You will find quick links to the different areas of the platform. You can navigate to these from the main screen or using the sidebar. The sidebar appears on all Boost pages and allows you to navigate to the different areas of the platform no matter where you are.



Quick links from the home dashboard and sidebar:

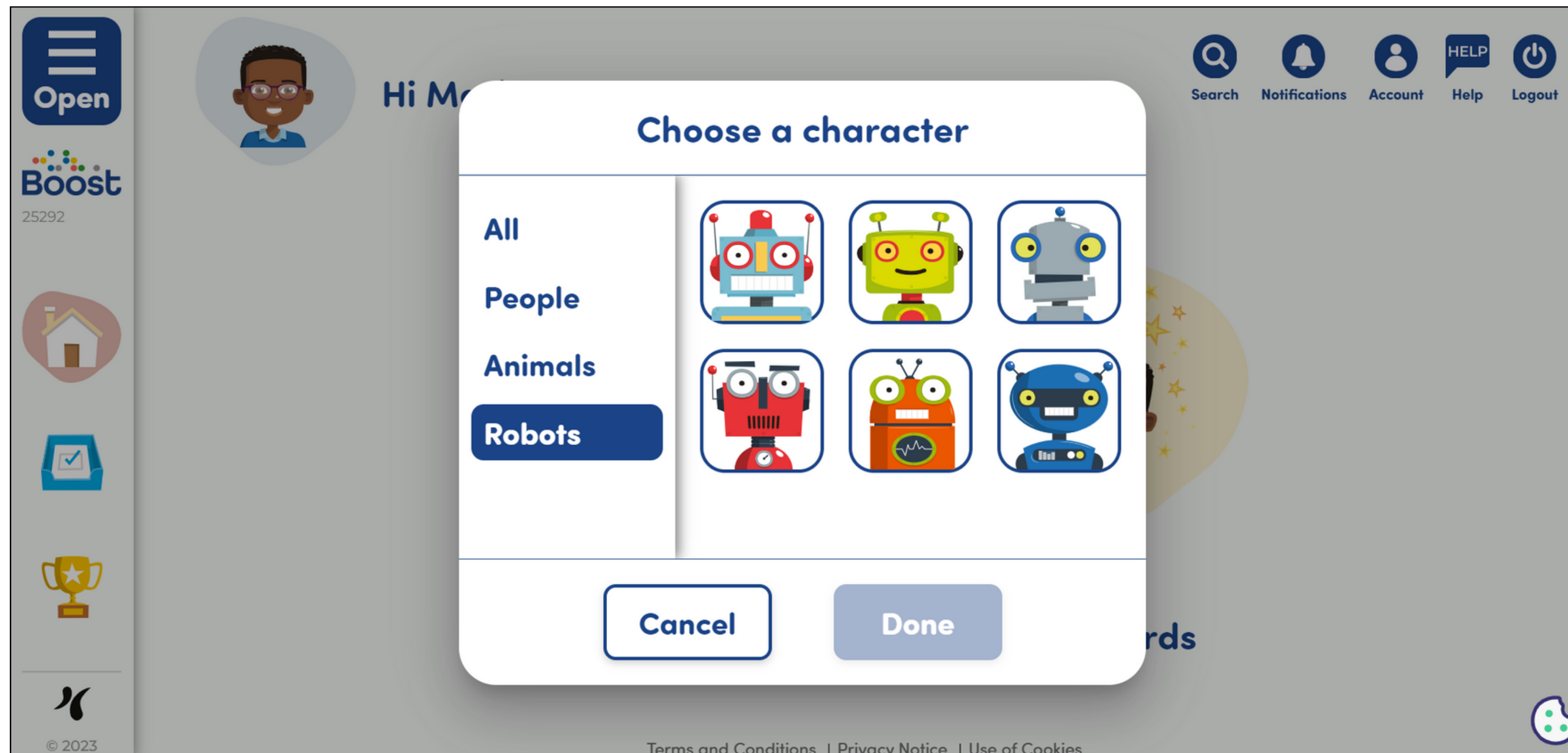
My Tasks: This takes you to the tasks that have been allocated to your child i.e. Reading Planet eBooks.

My Rewards: This takes you to any rewards your child has earned through completing the in-book Knowledge Tests.

HOW TO CHANGE A CHARACTER

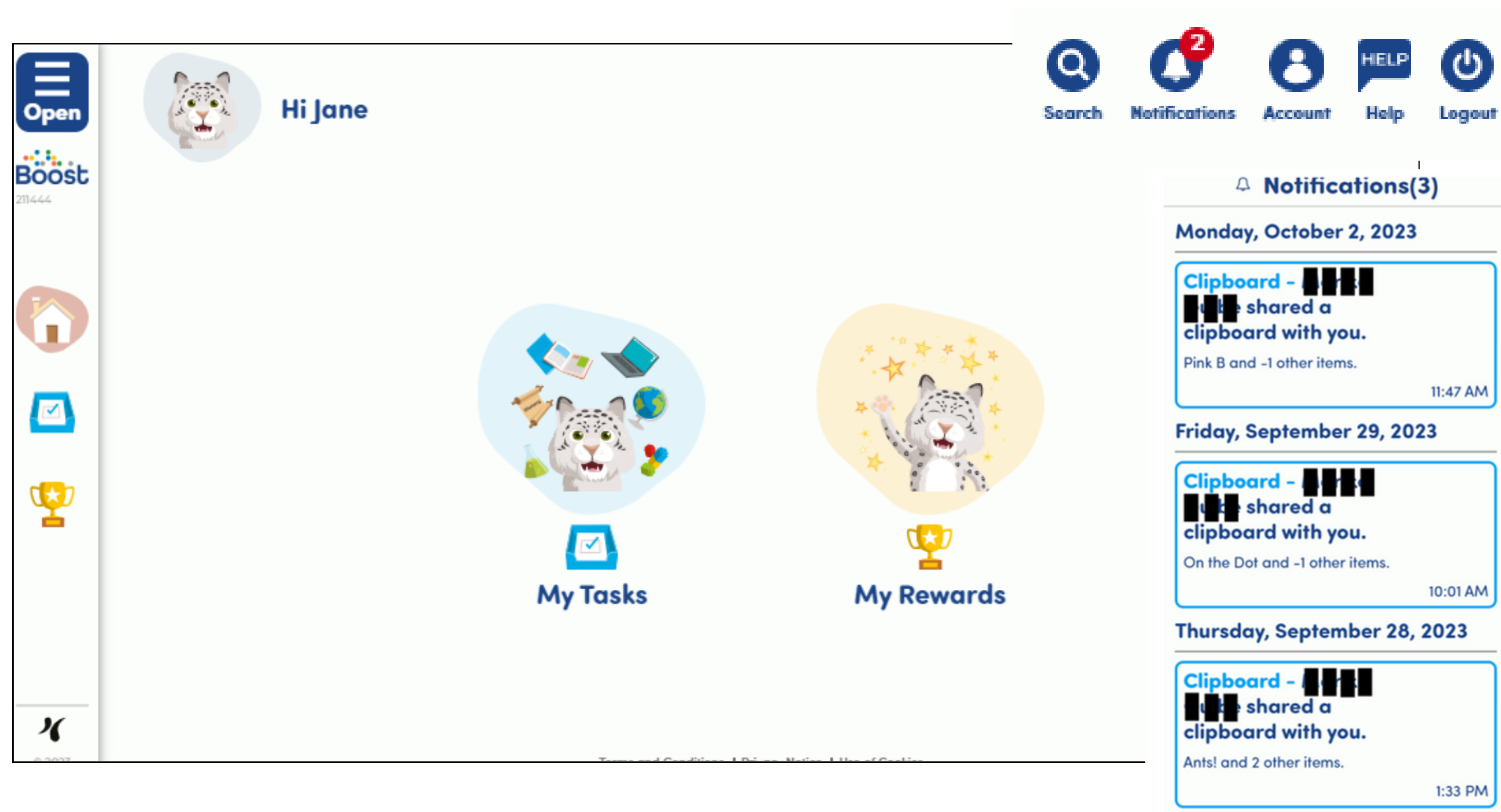


Click on the character where it says 'Hi [name]'. You will get a pop-up menu with all available characters. You can view them all or filter by people, animals or robots. Click on 'Cancel' if you change your mind and want to keep the existing character, or click on 'Done' to confirm your choice.



LEARNER NOTIFICATIONS

Your child's notifications can be accessed by clicking on Notifications in the top right-hand corner. If you have unread notifications, the number of notifications will appear in a red circle:



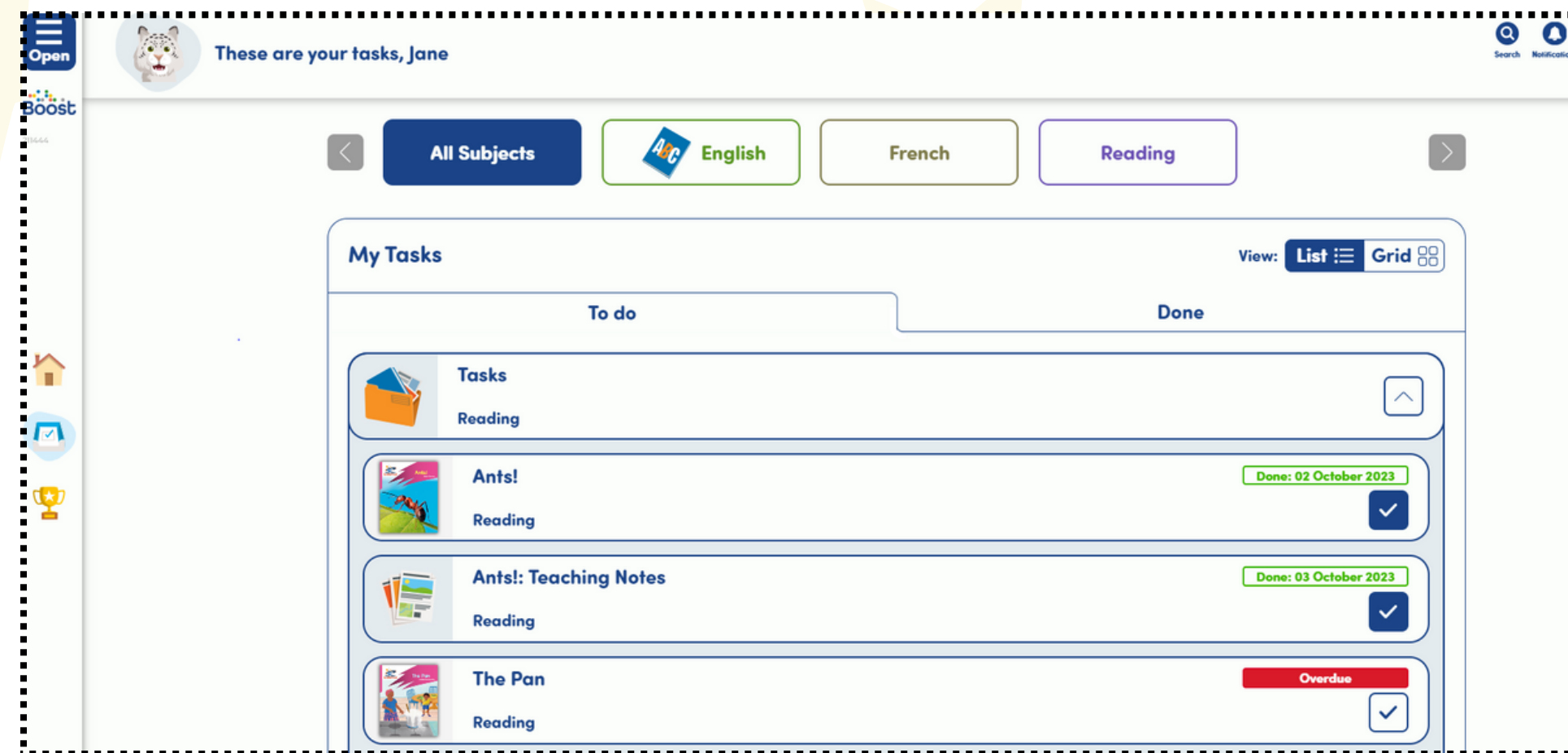
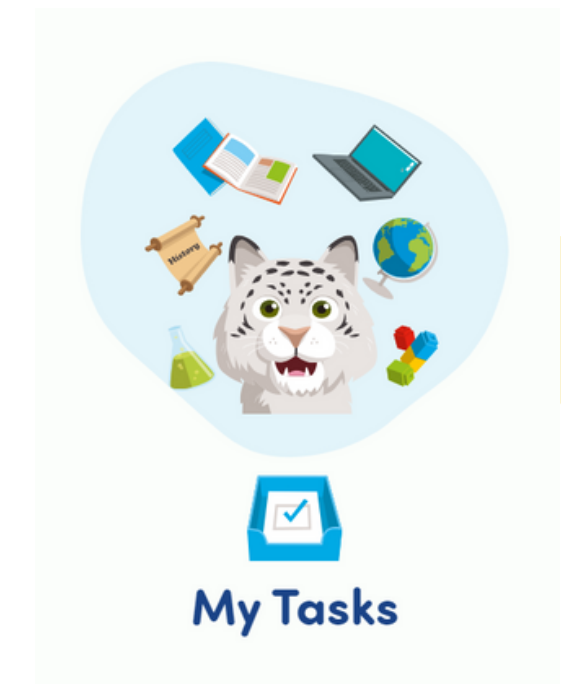
The notifications include when a teacher has assigned something to your child. If there's a due date listed, it will appear here, as well as in your 'Subjects/My Work' section.

You'll also receive a notification on the day an item is due, if you haven't already submitted it.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR TASKS

You can access the eBooks that have been allocated to your child by selecting 'My Tasks' either on the main dashboard or the sidebar. This takes you to the Tasks dashboard.

If your child's school is subscribed to multiple Boost courses, you may need to filter tasks by subject - for example for Reading Planet you would filter by 'Reading'.

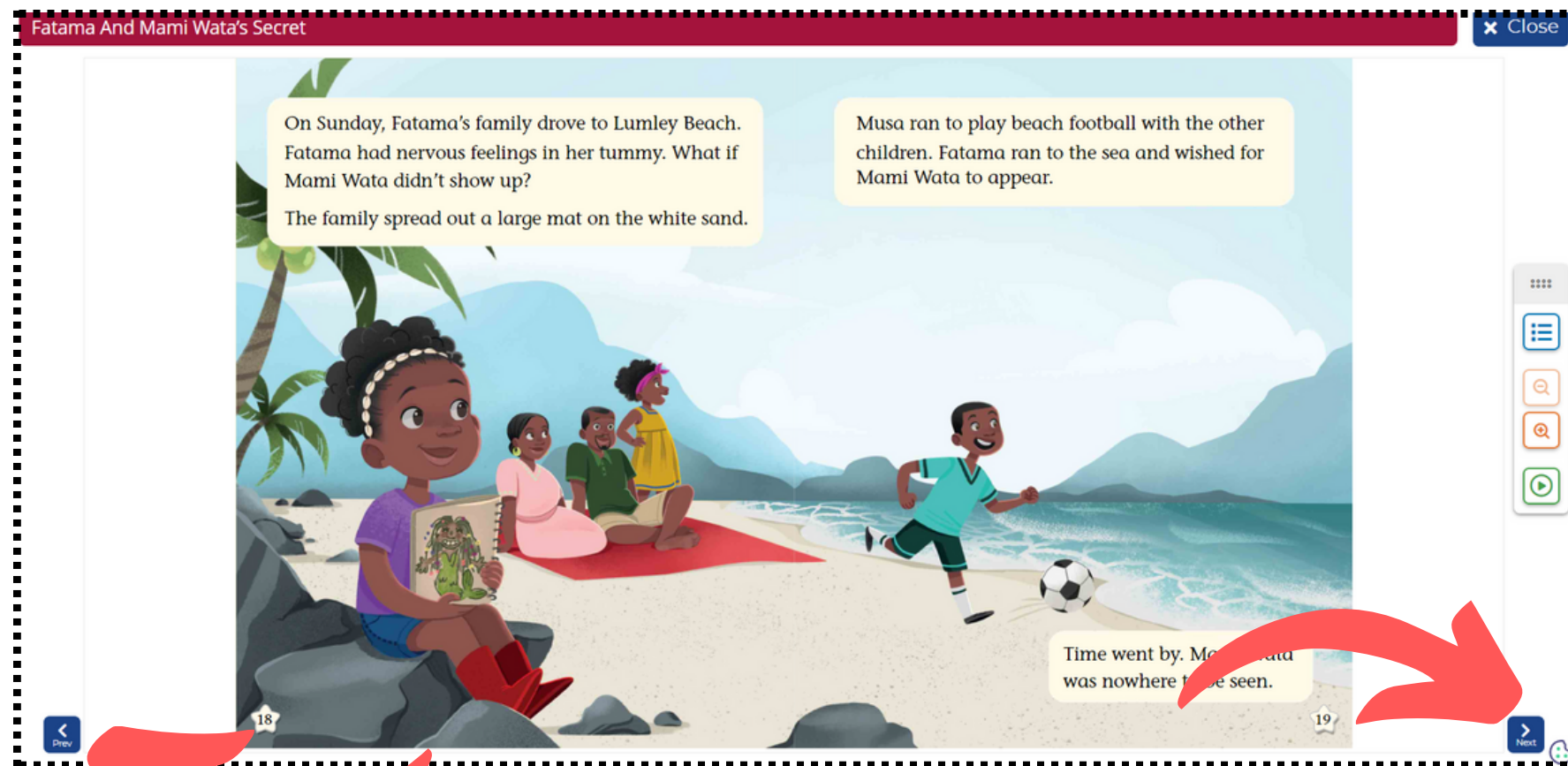


The 'My Tasks' section is organised in 'To do' and 'Done'. Once Knowledge Tests are completed, or Reading Planet eBooks are finished, the task will automatically move to 'Done', for other tasks you need to check 'Mark as done'.

When tasks have been shared as a group of tasks, they will all need to be completed before moving to 'Done' (even though 'Done' will appear with a date next to the individual task/resource.)

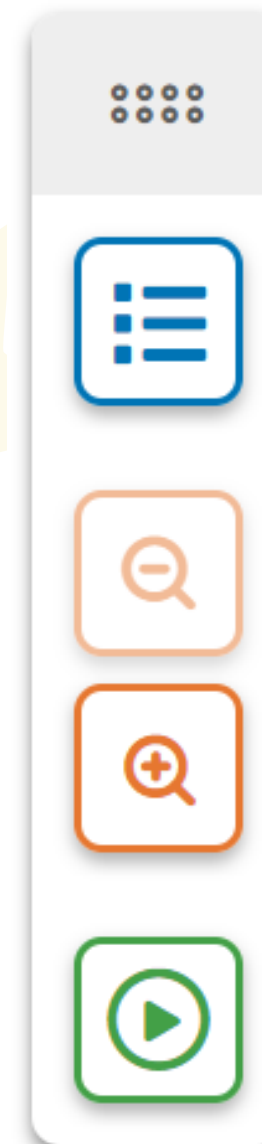
NAVIGATING A READING PLANET EBOOK

Once you have clicked on the allocated eBook from the task area it will open as full screen. You can navigate through the eBook by using the sidebar or buttons on the bottom of the page.



Go backwards

Go forwards



Sidebar navigation options are:

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ZOOM IN OR OUT

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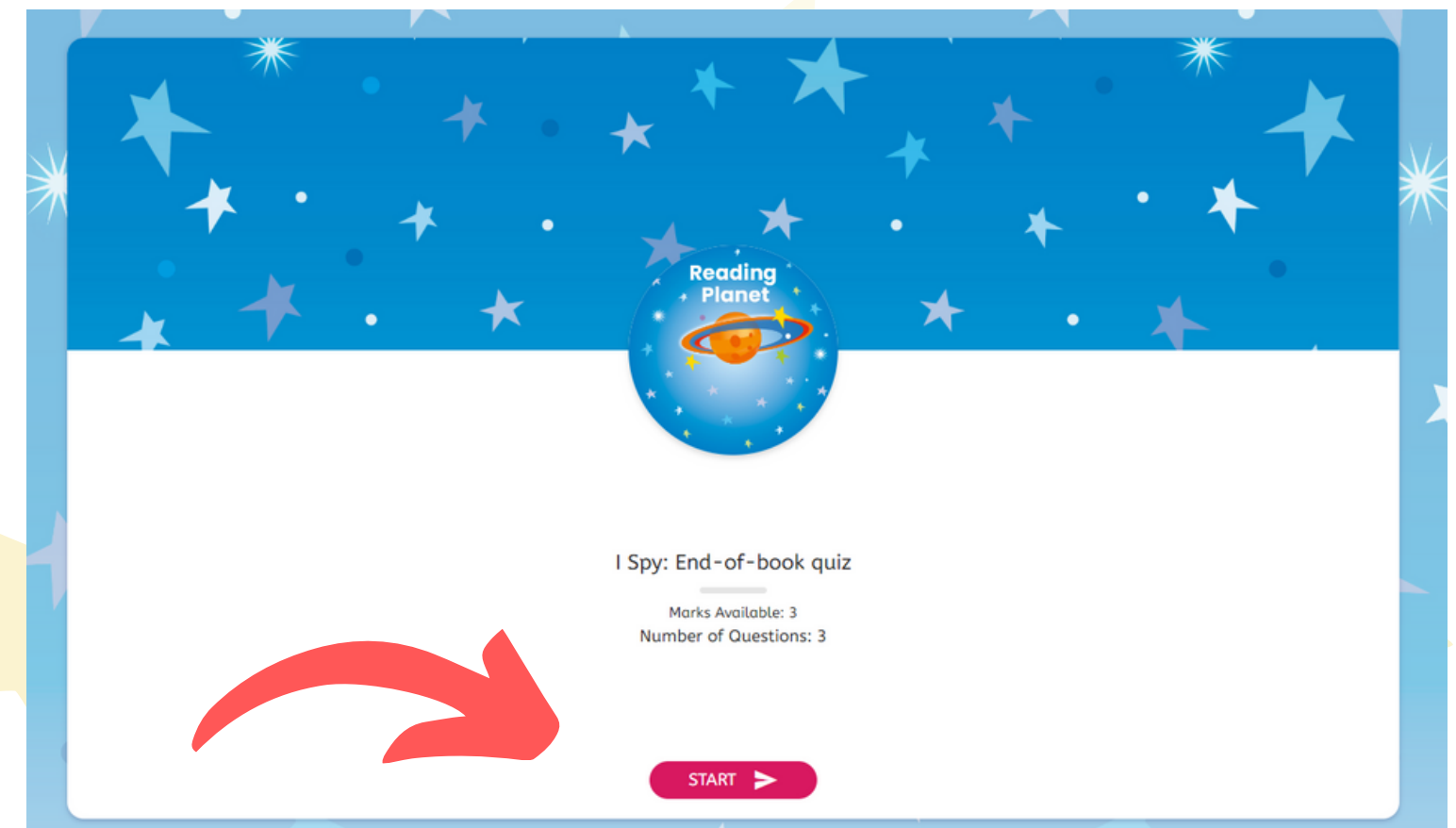
COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Each eBook has one or more 'checkpoint' Knowledge Tests that appear at intervals throughout the book. These checkpoint tests are designed to check childrens' understanding of the text up until that point. At the end of each eBook you will find the 'end-of-book' Knowledge Test that checks childrens' overall understanding of the text.

All Knowledge Tests are indicated by the green animated question mark icon:



Press on the icon to launch the Knowledge Test.

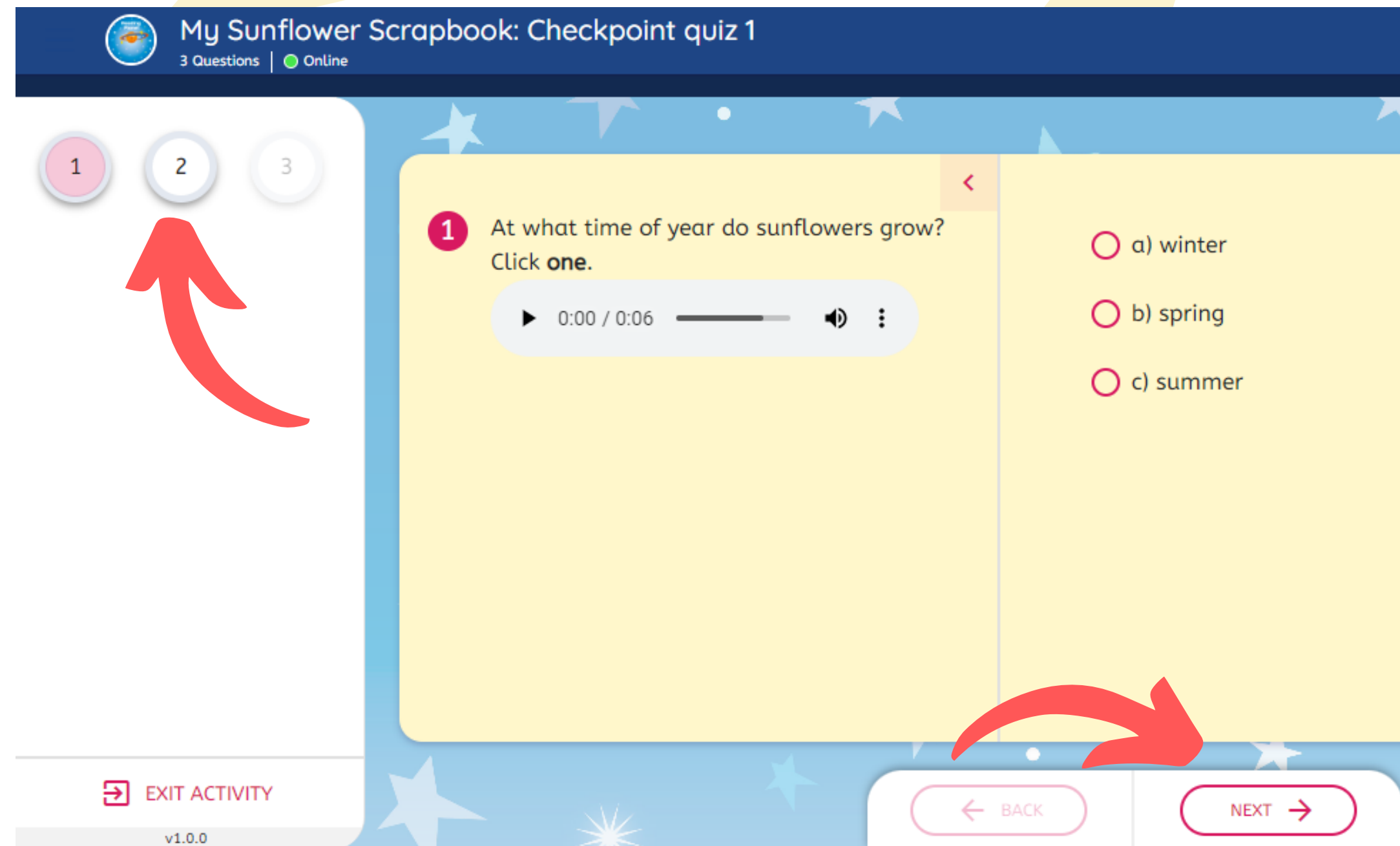


Press START to begin.

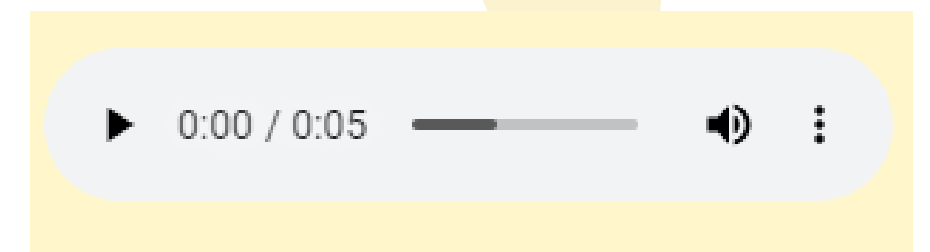


COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Navigate the test using the BACK and NEXT buttons, or you can press on the question numbers.



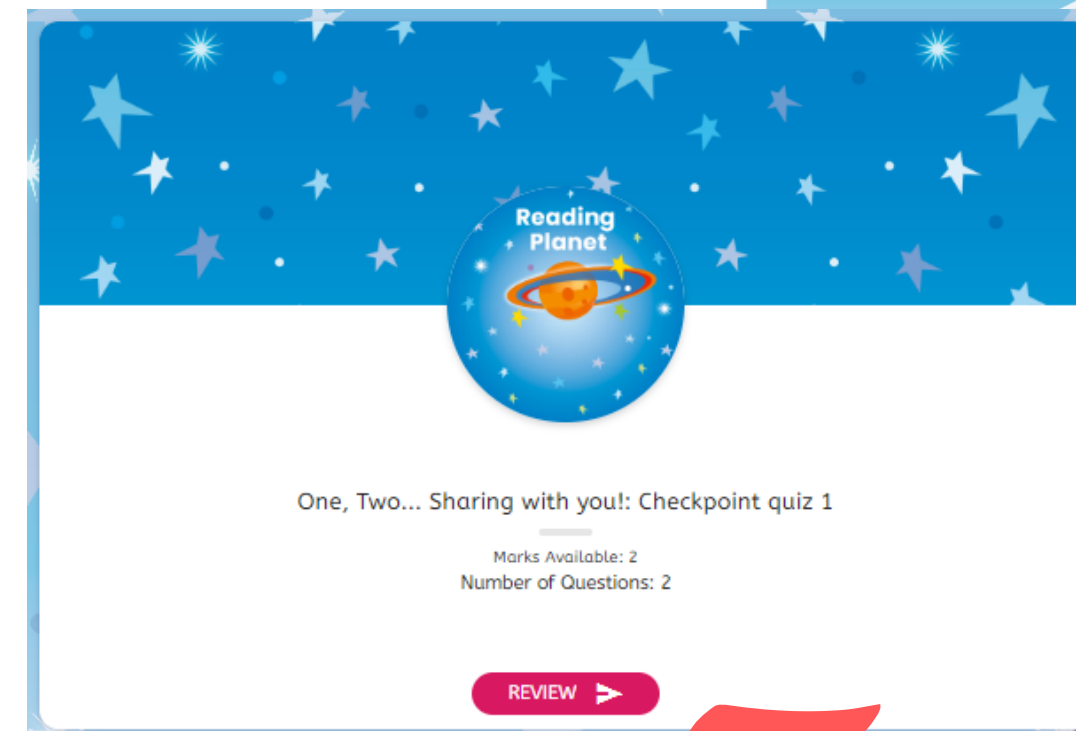
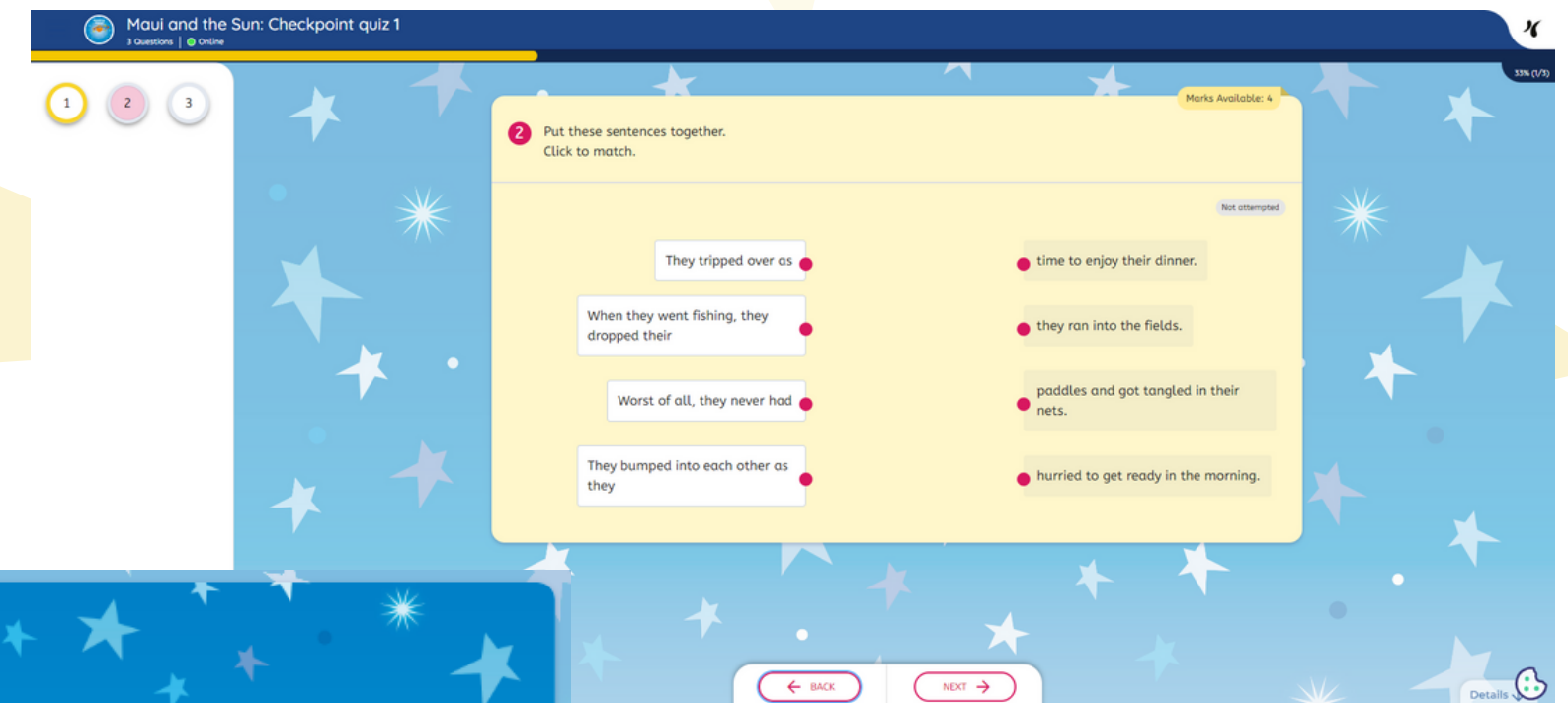
As an additional support, Knowledge Tests up to band Orange have the instruction lines recorded and can be played to help children answer each question.



COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

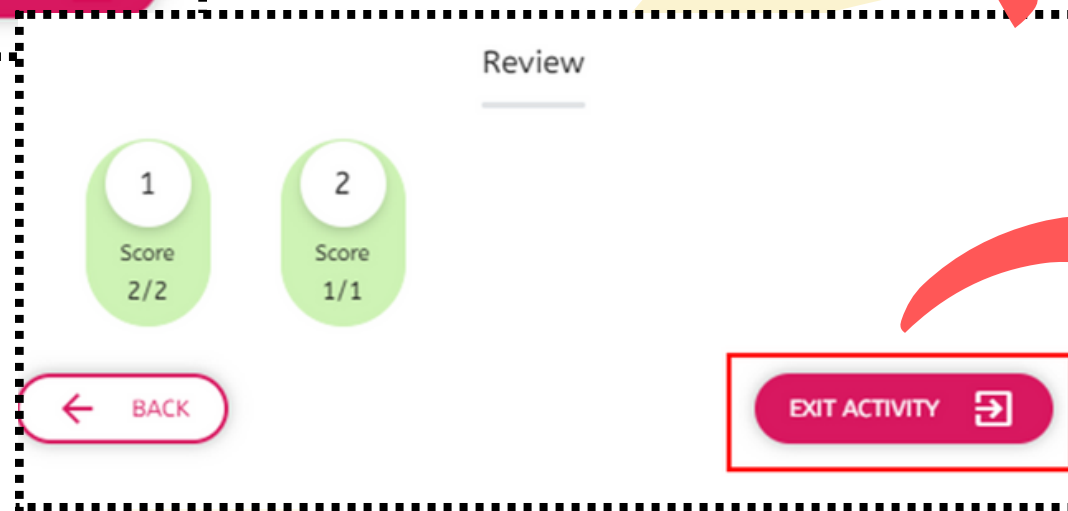
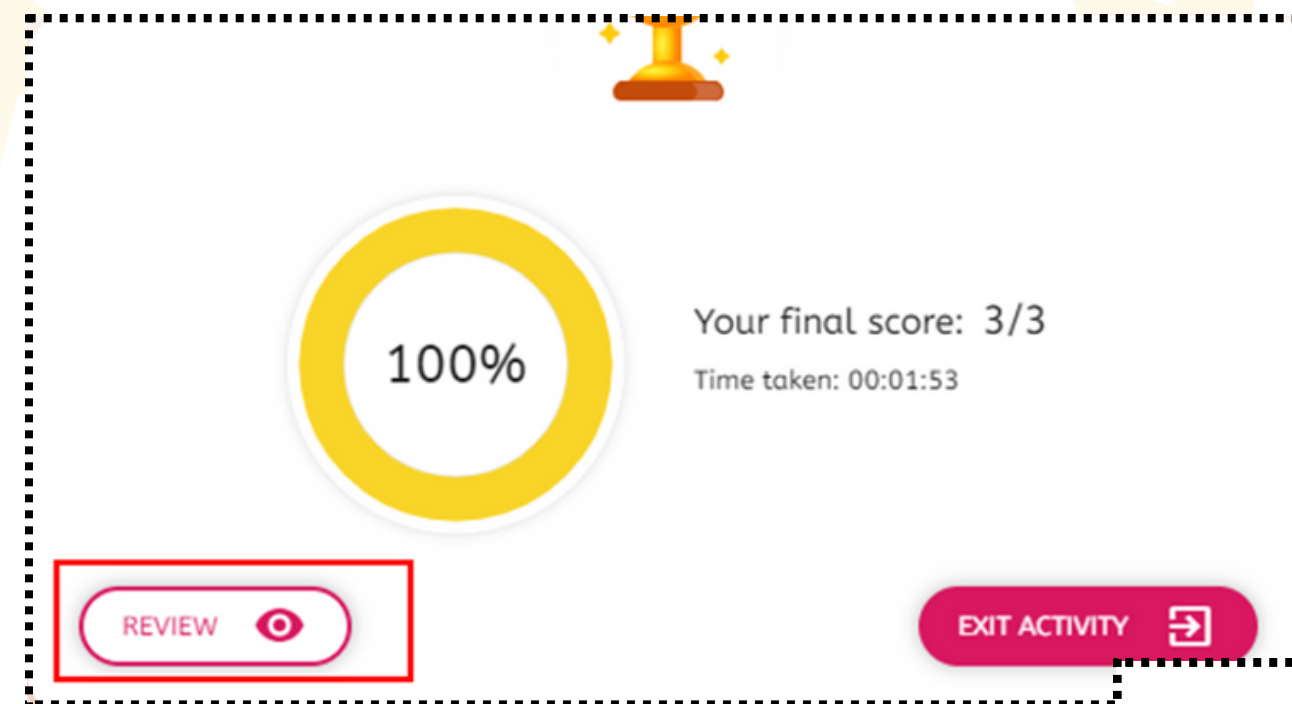
Complete each test by completing the question and pressing NEXT to submit your answer. A yellow bar will appear across the top of the text to show your progress.

Once all questions have been answered, press FINISH and your score will appear on the screen.



If you want to check your previous answers to any of the completed Knowledge Tests. Find the book and the test and click on the icon bubble again and select 'Review'.

If you want to see your answers in detail, select 'Review'.



Exit the activity and your score will be saved.

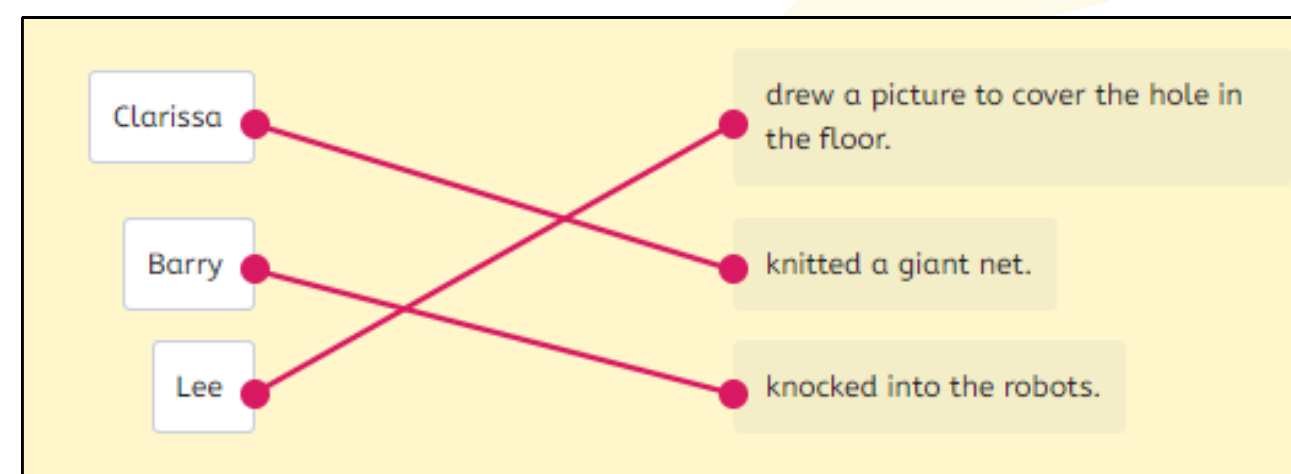
KNOWLEDGE TEST QUESTION TYPES

The Knowledge Tests in Reading Planet Online consist of the following main question types:

Multiple choice – click the circle next to the correct answer.

- ☐ 1. a broomstick
- ☐ 2. a book
- ☐ 3. a kitchen roll
- ☐ 4. a bottle of cleaner

Connecting/sequencing - click on an item in the left column and then click on the associated item in the right column to connect them.



Highlight the right word – click the word to highlight and click again to un-highlight. On an iPad, hold your finger down to highlight a single word and drag to highlight multiple words.

1 Highlight the word that means *hard*.

Correct

One of the doors to the foyer was finally giving way, and the
cement-like soup around its edges was beginning to crack.

KNOWLEDGE TEST QUESTION TYPES CONTINUED

Fill in the gaps – click on a word and then click on the correct gap to place the word there.

cheered

part

tickets

luck

After school, we wished Misty good – and it worked!

The next day, Misty brought in two pantomime for Jack and me.

"I got the !" she said happily.

"Hurray!" Everyone – even Oscar.

Complete the grid – click on the circles next to the correct answers in the grid.

	True	False
Ostriches are the world's biggest bird, but they cannot fly.	☐	☐
A polar bear's skin is purple and its fur is blue.	☐	☐
Whale sharks only eat other whale sharks.	☐	☐
A baby blue whale is longer than a crocodile and heavier than an elephant.	☐	☐

Sorting - sort the list of tiles into the correct order. Click on a tile and hold the button, drag it into the correct place, then release the button.

Aunt Emmy left Ash in charge.

The mayor told them where the footballs were.

Ash had a good idea.

Barry said he was good at making children cry.

RESULTS AND REWARDS

For each end-of-book Knowledge Test your child completes, they will receive a bronze, silver or gold star, based on the proportion of correct answers they score. These rewards can be viewed in the 'My rewards' section of the learner dashboard.



3 Marks

Bronze: 0–36%

Silver: 37–72%

Gold: 73–100%

4 Marks

Bronze: 0–50%

Silver: 51–78%

Gold: 79–100%

5+ Marks

Bronze: 0–59%

Silver: 60–79%

Gold: 80–100%



Your child's teacher will be able to see their results via the teacher dashboard.

FAQS

Where do I find my child's log-in details?

Your child's school will provide the log-in details for you. Due to GDPR, we (Hodder Education) are unable to provide these for you.

Can I choose eBooks for my child to read?

Your school will assign the eBooks for your child. Depending on your school's approach and/or your child's reading level, the eBooks will be assigned in different ways. For example, your school may assign all the eBooks for a specific colour band for you to choose from.

Is Reading Planet Online available on an app?

Reading Planet Online can only currently be accessed via a browser on the Boost [website](#).

Which devices can I use to access Reading Planet Online?

You can access Reading Planet Online via a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile.

Can I buy a subscription to Reading Planet Online?

Reading Planet Online is a school-led resource and can only be purchased via schools or educational institutions.

For further support please speak with your child's school.



