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Reading Planet

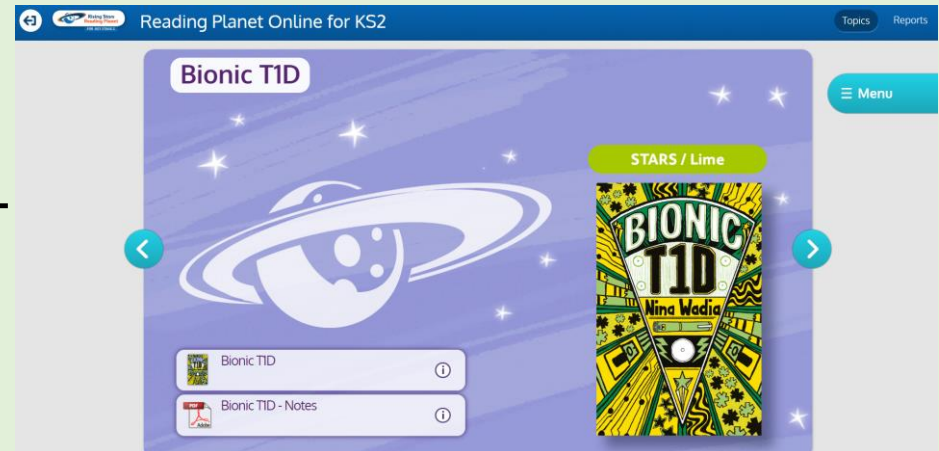
FOR KEY STAGE 2

Reading Planet Online for KS2

Teacher's Guide

What is Reading Planet Online for KS2?

Reading Planet Online offers the full range of *Reading Planet KS2* print books in a convenient digital format, so that these can be accessed online at school or at home. The eBooks include checkpoint quizzes and an end-of-book quiz to check children's comprehension skills. The questions in the end-of-book quizzes are linked to important reading skills (content domains), such as vocabulary, sequencing and inference.



Reading Planet Online features a huge range of digital reading books to appeal to the tastes and interests of children who are starting on their reading journey as well as those who are becoming fluent readers. The books include a variety of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and plays, written by experienced educational and children's writers. All the books have been carefully levelled according to book banding criteria and Lexile measured to ensure steady progression throughout the programme.

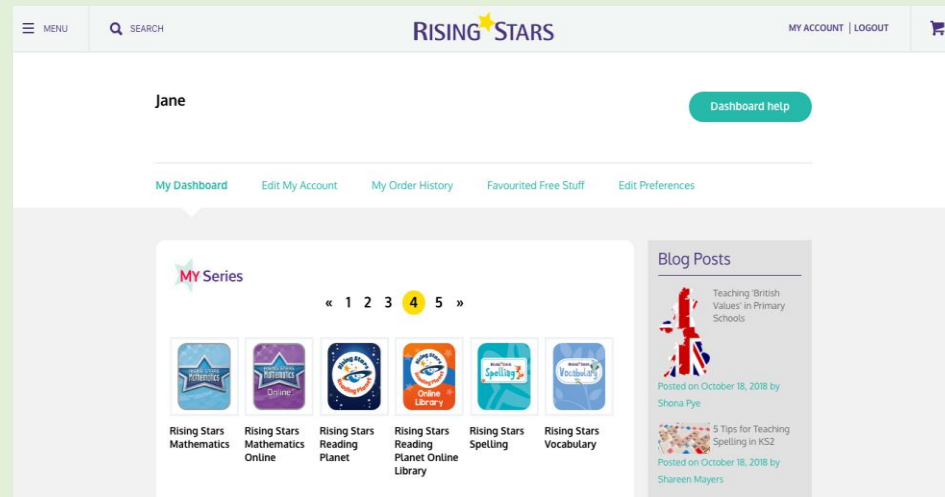
Reading Planet Online enables you to assign books to individual pupils or groups and then monitor pupils' progress in the end-of-book quizzes via the teacher reporting dashboard. All the questions are marked automatically and generate individual and group reports on performance by content domain, so you can detect areas of strength and weakness in comprehension skills.

Getting Started with Planet Online for KS2?

1. Log in to My Rising Stars

Reading Planet Online can be accessed from any computer, tablet or phone connected to the internet. Any teacher in the school can access this product through the school's My Rising Stars account, at www.risingstars-uk.com/user.

If your school does not have a My Rising Stars account, create one at www.risingstars-uk.com/login.



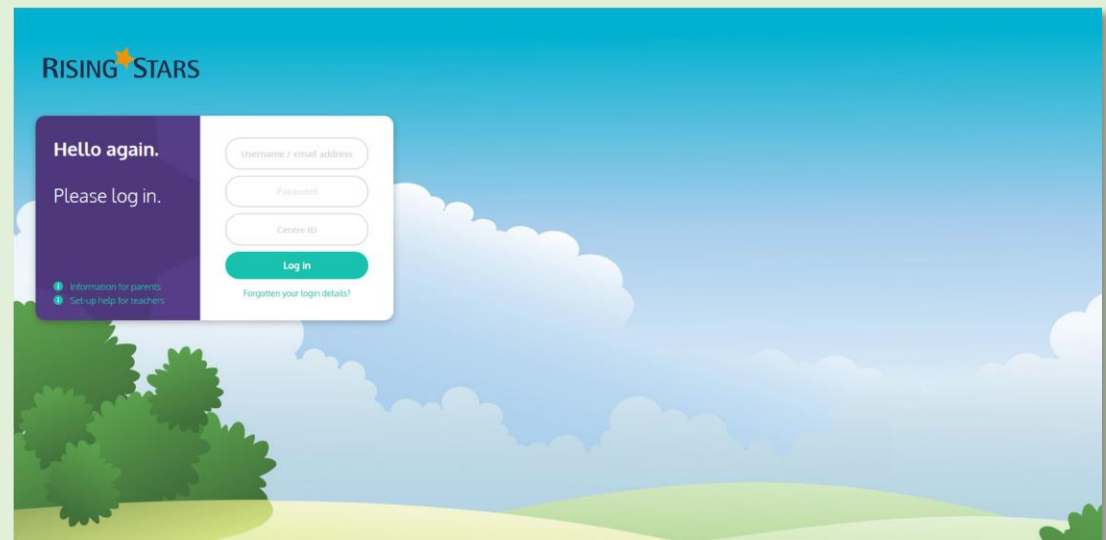
Then take out a subscription to *Reading Planet Online*. You will be asked to nominate an Access Coordinator at this point. An access icon will then appear on your My Rising Stars dashboard.



2. Log in to *Reading Planet Online* for KS2

Once you click on the icon, you will be redirected to the login page. Log in using your username and password (as a teacher, with an email username, you will not require your centre ID).

Alternatively, you can navigate directly to the login page using the URL <https://my.risingstars-uk.com> once your school has purchased the product.



If you have any problems with the login process, please contact our online support team at onlinesupport@risingstars-uk.com or call 0203 122 6006.

Please keep a record of your details just in case you forget them:

Username: _____

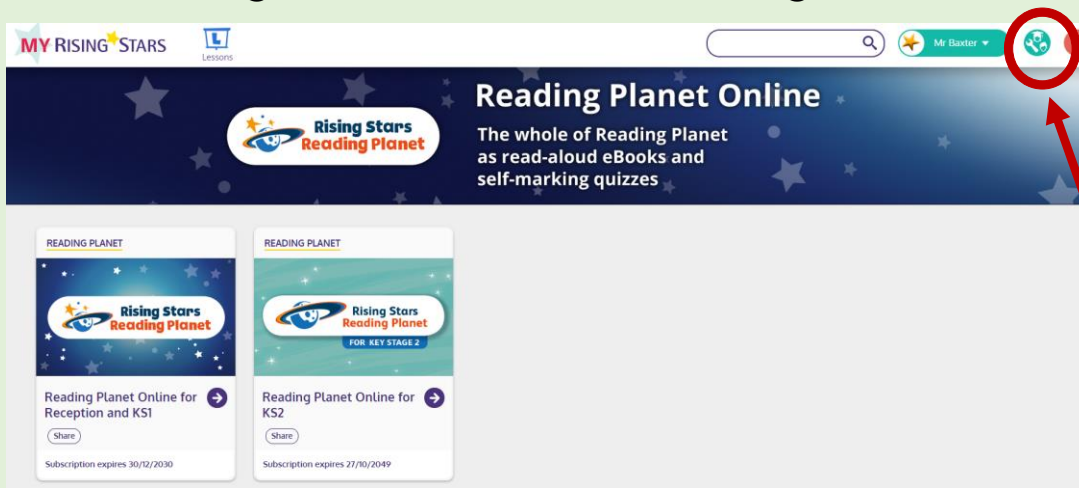
Password: _____

Centre ID: _____

3. Complete the school set-up

Before you start using *Reading Planet Online* you will need to set up your teacher and pupil access. This can be done within the My Rising Stars Admin Hub.

There is a single Admin Hub which manages access to the following Rising Stars resources:



- Achieve SATs Success
- Cracking Comprehension Practise and Assess
- MARK
- Reading Planet Online
- Rising Stars Mathematics
- Switched on Science 2nd Edition

You can access the Admin Hub by clicking on this icon in the top right hand corner. This Admin Hubs protects your pupil and teacher data.

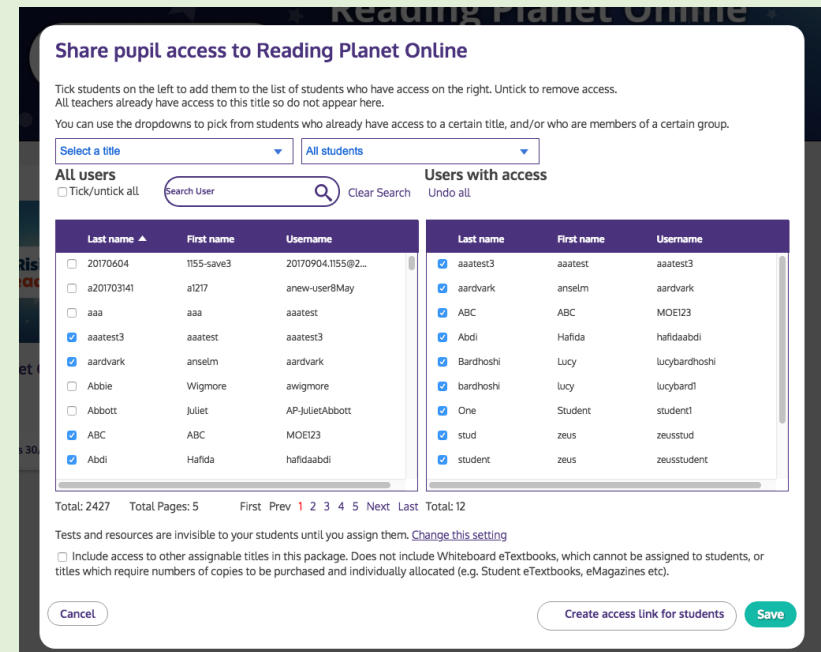
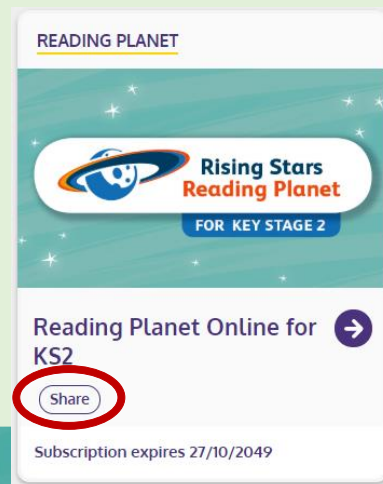
Find out more about setting up your school at <https://www.risingstars-uk.com/passport/my-rising-stars#teachers>

4. Share access to Reading Planet Online for KS2 with pupils

When your school subscribes to *Reading Planet Online*, you will be sent an access email with a unique URL for your school centre. Share this with your pupils to give them direct access. Alternatively, pupils can log in via: www.my.risingstars-uk.com and enter the school's unique centre ID and their own login details.

Once your teacher account has been approved by the Access Coordinator, you can share access with your pupils by clicking on 'share' when logged in.

Once you have given your pupils access, you can assign eBooks to each individual child or to a whole group or class. You can monitor progress both individually and as a group or class through the teacher reporting dashboard.





5. Show all books or assign individual books

After you have clicked share you will see the screen on the right.

Click here to bring up the pop up below to choose whether to share all books with the children (show) or whether you just want to assign individual books (assign). You can not have different settings for different children - they either all view all the books, or just the ones that have been assigned to them.

This is the group of children who have access

Share pupil access to Reading Planet Online

Tick students on the left to add them to the list of students who have access on the right. Untick to remove access.
All teachers already have access to this title so do not appear here.
You can use the dropdowns to pick from students who already have access to a certain title, and/or who are members of a certain group.

Reading Planet Online Class 2C

All users ☐ Tick/untick all

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No results		

Last name	First name	Username
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☒	aaatest2	aaatest2
☒	Aardvark	aardvark
☒	aStudent	charles_simmerl...
☒	Bardhoshi	lucybard
☒	One	Pupil
☒	stud	zeus
☒	student	zeusstudent
☒	Summers	Gavin Summers

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All tests and resources are currently visible to your students. [Change this setting](#)

☐ Include access to other assignable titles in this package. Does not include Whiteboard eTextbooks, which cannot be assigned to students, or titles which require numbers of copies to be purchased and individually allocated (e.g. Student eTextbooks, eMagazines etc).

Set Test Assignment Method

For each title shown select whether tests should only be visible to your students once they have been assigned (Assign) or should be visible all of the time (Show).
Changes you make here will affect all users at your institution.

Title	Progress tests
Reading Planet Online	Assign Show

6. Search for books using the Menu

Once you have logged in and accessed Reading Planet Online for KS2, use the menu on the right of the screen to choose the appropriate book(s) for your pupils. The books are split into bands. When you click on the required band the drop-down menu expands to list all the books in that book band.

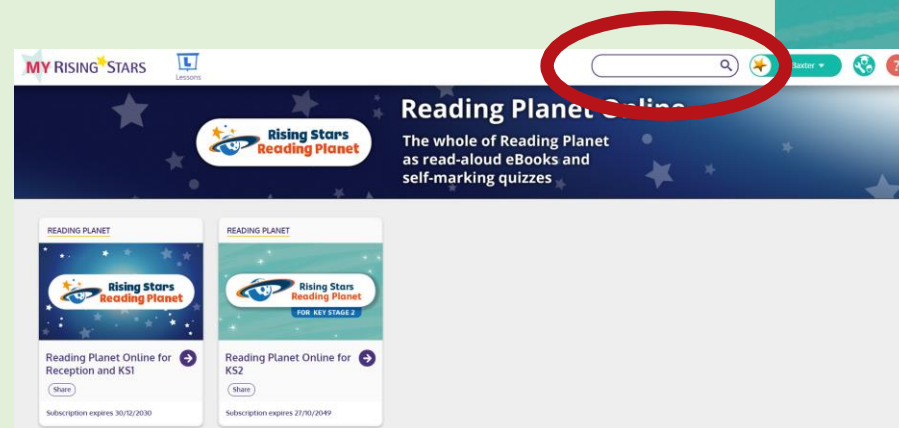


Click on a book title and the menu screen for that book will open. The menu screen contains the front cover of the book and a button that you can click on to launch the eBook. There is also a button that will launch the complete front and back cover. The inside cover notes for the book concerned and the relevant teaching guidance.

7. Search for books using the search tool

You can also search for books by using the search tool from the menu screen in My Rising Stars, before you enter *Reading Planet Online*.

You can type a key word into this search, and it will generate a list of books that have been categorised with that key word. Here are some useful guidelines on what you could type in this search lozenge in order to find suitable books for your pupils.

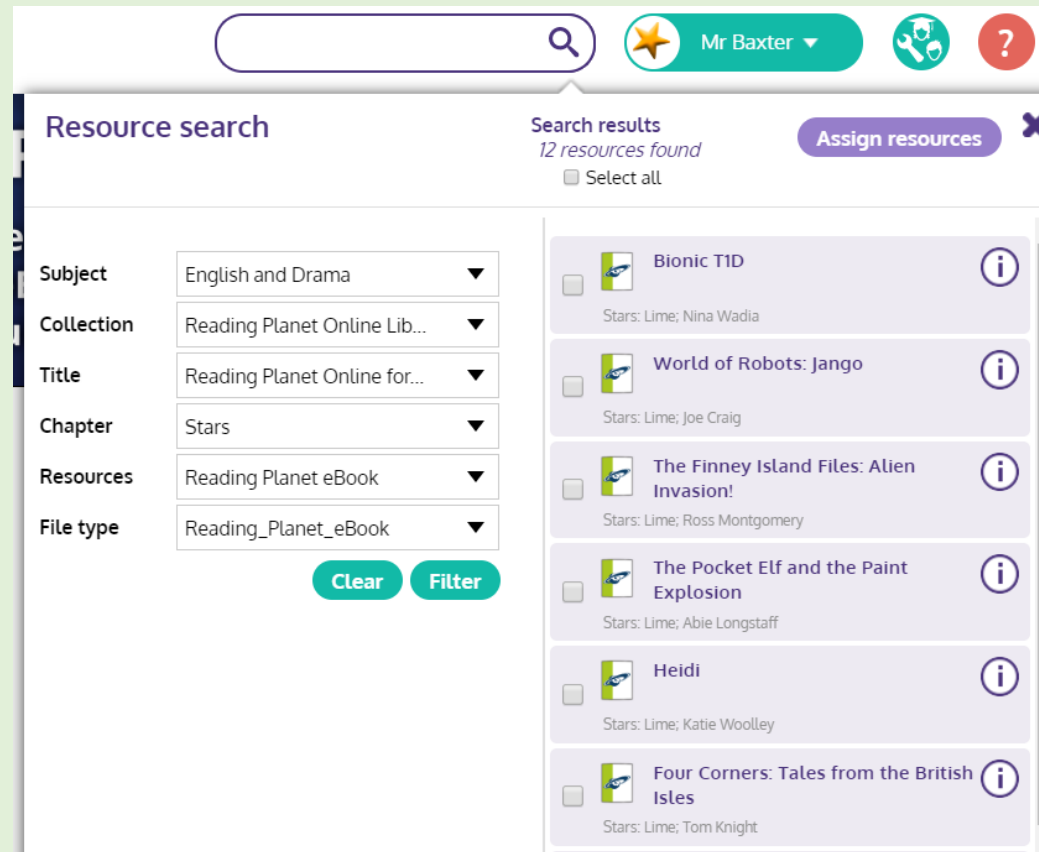


- Book band colour - e.g. type in 'Stars' or 'Lime'- and all the books in the Star/Lime book band will be listed.
- Book title or part of a title - e.g. type in The Finney Island Files: Alien Invasion! - and all the books with this title or word within the title will appear.
- Author name - e.g. type in Ross Montgomery - and all the books written by this author will be listed.
- Genre/subject/text type - e.g. type in Classics. Here are the main categories we have used in Reading Planet:

• Adventure story	• Family story	• Instruction book	• Retelling
• Art	• Friendship story	• Miniseries	• Science
• Classics	• Geography	• Mystery story	• School story
• Drama	• History	• Mythology	• Sport
• English	• Humorous story	• Poetry	• Traditional tale
• Fantasy story	• ICT	• Playscript	
	• Information book	• PSHE	

8. Using the advanced search

When using the search tool from the main My Rising Stars menu, an advanced search filter becomes available. This allows you to narrow down your search at this stage by the criteria shown in the screenshot.



The screenshot displays the 'Resource search' interface. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, a user profile 'Mr Baxter' with a star icon, and two circular icons (one with a gear and one with a question mark). Below the search bar, the 'Resource search' section shows 'Search results' with '12 resources found' and a 'Select all' checkbox. A purple 'Assign resources' button is also present. On the left, a filter panel lists criteria: Subject (English and Drama), Collection (Reading Planet Online Lib...), Title (Reading Planet Online for...), Chapter (Stars), Resources (Reading Planet eBook), and File type (Reading_Planet_eBook). 'Clear' and 'Filter' buttons are at the bottom of the filter panel. On the right, a list of search results is shown, each with a checkbox, a book icon, the title, and the author(s):

Checkbox	Book Icon	Title	Author(s)	Info Icon
☐		Bionic T1D	Stars: Lime; Nina Wadia	
☐		World of Robots: Jango	Stars: Lime; Joe Craig	
☐		The Finney Island Files: Alien Invasion!	Stars: Lime; Ross Montgomery	
☐		The Pocket Elf and the Paint Explosion	Stars: Lime; Abie Longstaff	
☐		Heidi	Stars: Lime; Katie Woolley	
☐		Four Corners: Tales from the British Isles	Stars: Lime; Tom Knight	

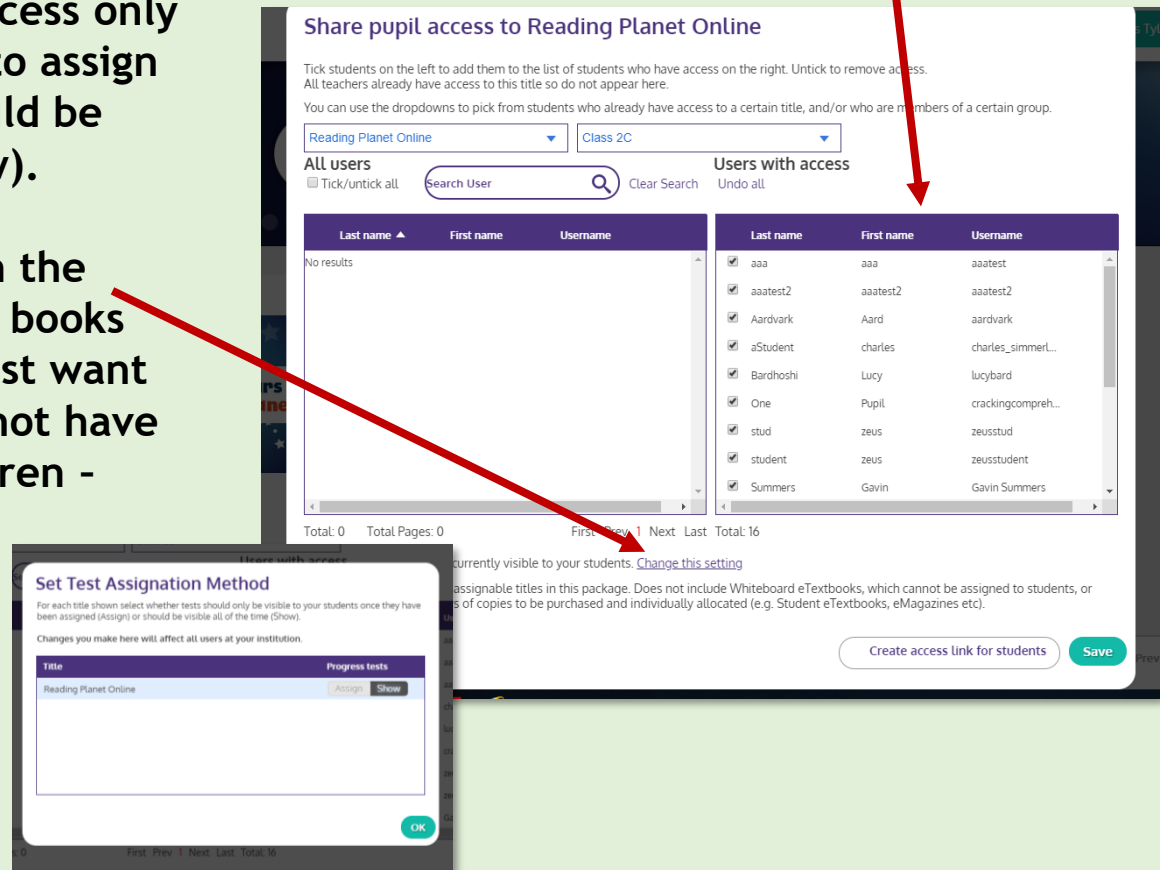
9. Assign books to pupils

You can assign books to individual pupils or to a group/whole class. To do this, select a book using the main Menu or search function as just described.

When you have clicked share you will see the following screen. You can choose here whether you want pupils to have access only to the practice quizzes you decide to assign (Assign) or whether all quizzes should be assigned to the pupils at once (Show).

Click here to bring up the pop up on the right to choose whether to share all books with the children or whether you just want to assign individual books. You can not have different settings for different children - they either all view all the books, or just the ones that have been assigned to them.

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All teachers already have access to this title so do not appear here.
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Reading Planet Online Class 2C

All users
☐ Tick/untick all Search User Clear Search Undo all

Last name	First name	Username
No results		

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Users with access

Last name	First name	Username	
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☒	aaatest2	aaatest2	aaatest2
☒	Aardvark	Aard	aardvark
☒	aStudent	charles	charles_simmer...
☒	Bardhoshi	Lucy	lucybard
☒	One	Pupil	crackingcompreh...
☒	stud	zeus	zeusstud
☒	student	zeus	zeusstudent
☒	Summers	Gavin	Gavin Summers

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assignable titles in this package. Does not include Whiteboard eTextbooks, which cannot be assigned to students, or
of copies to be purchased and individually allocated (e.g. Student eTextbooks, eMagazines etc).

Create access link for students Save

Set Test Assignment Method

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Title	Progress tests
Reading Planet Online	Assign Show

OK

10. Using the main menu to assign books to pupils

You can use the advanced search function to assign multiple books to pupils, such as a whole colour band. For example, if you wanted to assign all Earth/Grey A band books, you could search for 'Earth' or 'Grey A', then refine your search in advanced search to bring up all the Earth/Grey A books as shown in the steps below.

1. Type in the word you want to search for - e.g. a lexile level or colour band

4. Click 'Assign resources'

The screenshot displays the My Rising Stars Reading Planet interface. At the top, there's a search bar and a user profile for 'Mr Baxter'. Below the header, the 'Resource search' section is active, showing filters for Subject (English and Drama), Collection (Reading Planet Online Lib...), Title (Reading Planet Online for...), Chapter (Stars), Resources (Reading Planet eBook), and File type (Reading_Planet_eBook). The search results show 12 resources found, with a 'Select all' option and an 'Assign resources' button. A list of books is displayed, including 'Bionic TID', 'World of Robots: Jango', 'The Finney Island Files: Alien Invasion!', 'The Pocket Elf and the Paint Explosion', 'Heidi', 'Four Corners: Tales from the British Isles', 'Game Changers Music Makers', and 'Hairies, Fairies and Scaries'. Red arrows indicate the steps: 1. Search bar, 2. Filter by resources and file type, 3. Select all resources, and 4. Assign resources button.

2. Filter by resources and file type to 'e-book' so just the books appear (and not the cover and notes).

3. Either select all, or individually check the books you want to assign.

Using the main menu to assign books to pupils *continued*

When you click assign resources, you can then choose a group or individual pupils to assign those books to.

Assign Resources

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Filter users by their membership of a group, or by their access to a title with tests and assessments in this course:

Class 2C

Select a title

☐ Tick/untick all

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☐	newpupilAug1098	newpupilAug1098	newpupilAug1098
☐	newpupilAug1099	newpupilAug1099	newpupilAug1099
☐	newpupilAug11	newpupilAug11	newpupilAug11
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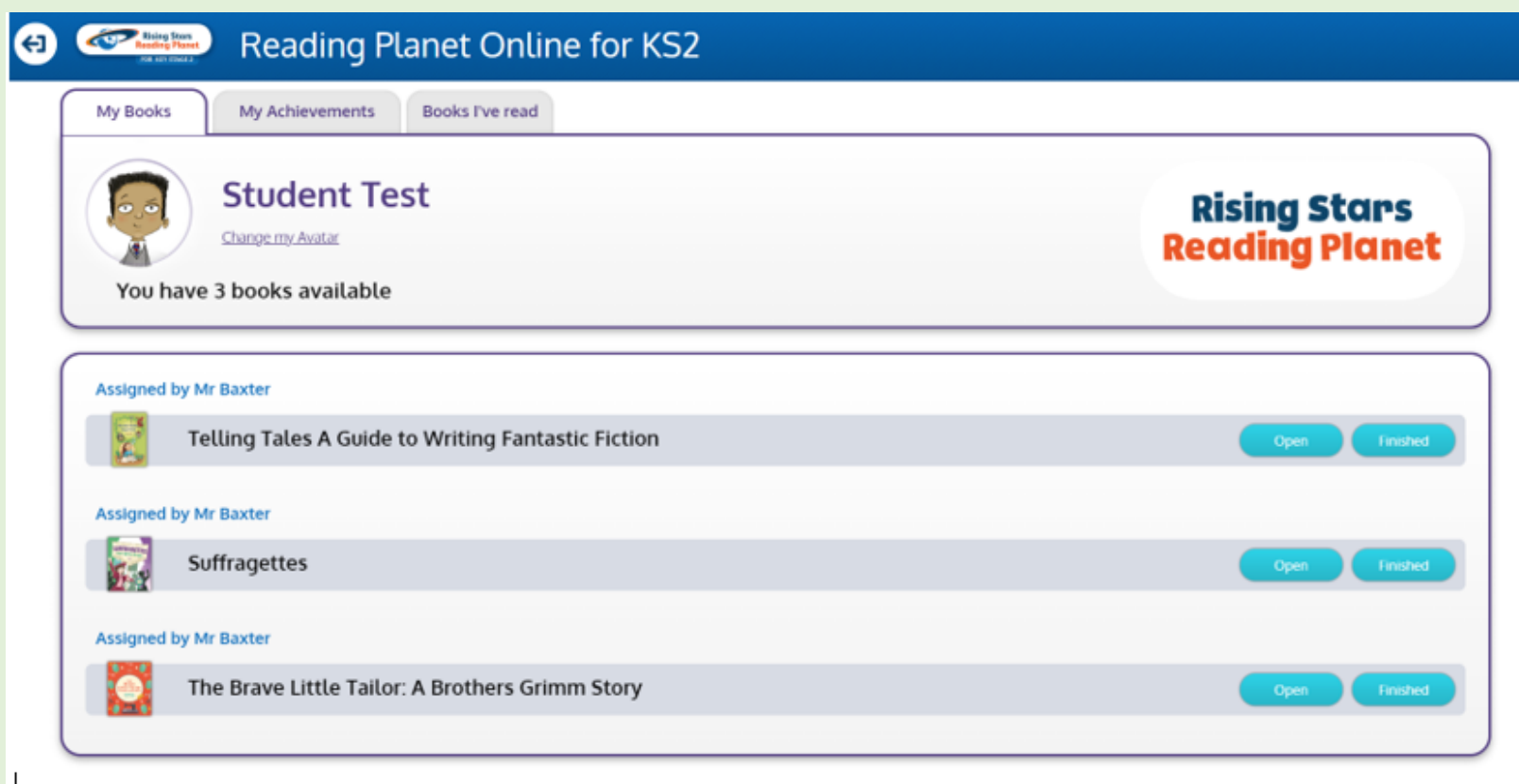
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Set the notifications sent to students (optional):

11. Pupils find the book(s) you have assigned

Once a book or books have been assigned, they will appear in each pupil's dashboard (in the 'My Books' section) when they log into *Reading Planet Online*.



The screenshot shows the 'Reading Planet Online for KS2' dashboard. At the top, there are three tabs: 'My Books', 'My Achievements', and 'Books I've read'. The 'My Books' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a student profile section with a cartoon avatar, the text 'Student Test', a link 'Change my Avatar', and a message 'You have 3 books available'. To the right of this section is the 'Rising Stars Reading Planet' logo. Below the profile section, there is a list of assigned books, each with a book cover icon, the title, and two buttons: 'Open' and 'Finished'. The books listed are:

- Assigned by Mr Baxter: **Telling Tales A Guide to Writing Fantastic Fiction**
- Assigned by Mr Baxter: **Suffragettes**
- Assigned by Mr Baxter: **The Brave Little Tailor: A Brothers Grimm Story**

Completing the quizzes

Each eBook in *Reading Planet Online* has a number of 'checkpoint' quizzes that appear at intervals throughout the book. These checkpoint quizzes are designed to check pupils' understanding of the text up until that point and are indicated by the animated quiz icon shown in the screenshot.

The pupil clicks on this quiz icon to launch the checkpoint quiz. The pupil answers the questions navigating from question to question by clicking on the arrow to the right bottom of the quiz. When they have answered all the questions in the quiz, they click on the clipboard icon at the end of the quiz to submit all their answers and to receive their mark. If the pupil gets an answer wrong the first time, they will be given a second attempt. The latest attempt will feed through into the final score and reporting.

The screenshot displays the 'Food' chapter interface. It features a 'Food' title, a 'At home' section with text about traditional Indian food, and images of a girl eating a samosa, a plate of dosas, and a bowl of curry. A 'Curry and roti' section shows a plate of food. An 'Abroad' section includes a photo of a 'Curry Bazar' storefront and text about Indian restaurants in London. A 'FACT' box states: 'One of the first Indian restaurants outside India was opened in London in 1810 by Sake Dean Mahomed.' A red arrow points from a green circular quiz icon with a question mark to the 'Incredible India Checkpoint quiz 2' interface. The quiz interface has a blue header with the title and version 'Version 1.0.0.0'. It includes a 'Fill the gaps. Click the word then click the gap.' instruction and a word bank with 'welcome', 'garlands', and 'guests'. The main text area contains a sentence with gaps: 'If we have special [], we sometimes hang flower [] around their necks to [] them.' The bottom of the quiz shows 'Question : 2 of 3' and navigation buttons.

Food

At home

Traditional Indian food is famous all over the world. Who doesn't love a crispy, spicy samosa?

The best known Indian dish of all is curry. Meat, fish and vegetables are cooked with **fragrant** spices, then served with rice or bread. Almost half of Indian families are vegetarian, so vegetable curries are also very popular.

I love dosa for breakfast. It's an Indian pancake filled with spicy potatoes.

Dosa

Our gran makes the best chicken curry! We eat it with flatbreads called roti.

Curry and roti

Abroad

There are now Indian restaurants all around the world and Indian spices and ingredients can be bought in shops and supermarkets almost everywhere.

Although traditional food is still very popular in India and is eaten every day, many people also enjoy food from other countries. In big cities like Delhi and Mumbai, you'll find restaurants and takeaways selling pizza, pasta, burgers and noodles.

Indian restaurant in London

FACT

One of the first Indian restaurants outside India was opened in London in 1810 by Sake Dean Mahomed.

Incredible India Checkpoint quiz 2 Version 1.0.0.0

Fill the gaps. Click the word then click the gap.

welcome garlands guests

If we have special [], we sometimes hang flower [] around their necks to [] them.

Question : 2 of 3

At the end of every book there is a longer quiz that checks overall understanding of the text. As with the checkpoint quizzes, the pupil clicks on the animated quiz icon to launch the end-of-book quiz. They then complete the questions, submitting the answer to each question as they go, and navigating through the quiz by clicking on the next question number in circles.

At the end of the quiz they need to click on the clipboard icon to submit all their answers. This quiz is also instantly marked, and the pupil is awarded a bronze, silver or gold star according to their score.

Pupils are given the opportunity to review their answers at the end of each quiz.

Now answer the questions ...

- 1 Which two places is this story mostly set in?
- 2 Who are the main characters in the book?
- 3 What does the word 'unexpectedly' mean in the sentence, 'Heidi didn't want to leave Grandfather so unexpectedly, but she had no choice.'
- 4 In the story, Heidi dreams about the mountains when she is in Frankfurt. Why do you think this is?
- 5 Why do you think the author used letters sent between different characters to tell some parts of the story?
- 6 What did you expect Herr Sesemann would do after seeing how unhappy Heidi was at the end of Chapter 2? Was your prediction correct?
- 7 How do Grandfather's feelings for Heidi change between the start and the end of the story? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer.
- 8 Would you prefer to live in a town or in the mountains? Give reasons for your choice.



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Be a Landmark Explorer quiz

Hamish Baxter, you've answered 10 out of 10 question(s) correctly in 2 minutes 6 seconds.



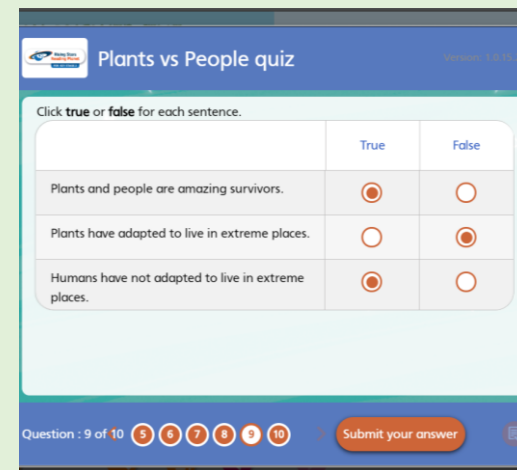
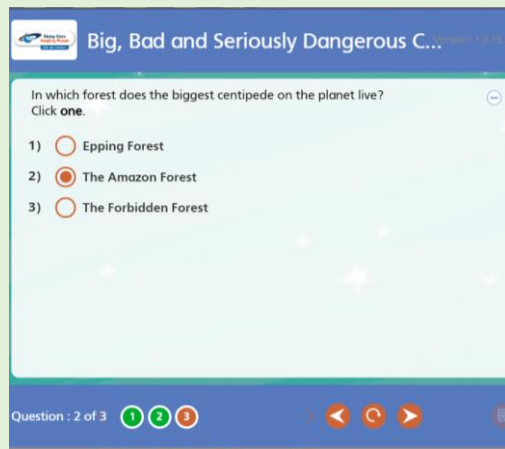
Great work, you've won a gold star!

Review your answers

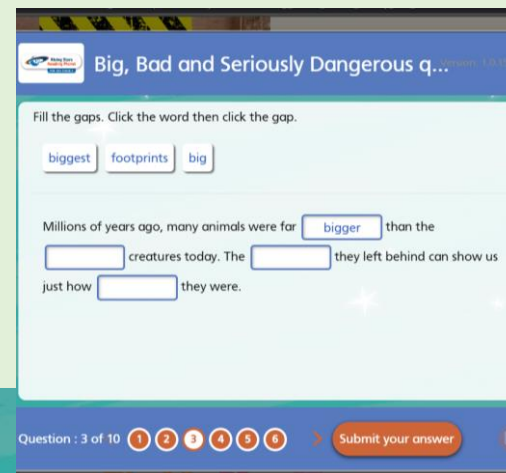
The quiz question types

The quizzes in *Reading Planet Online* consist of the following main question types:

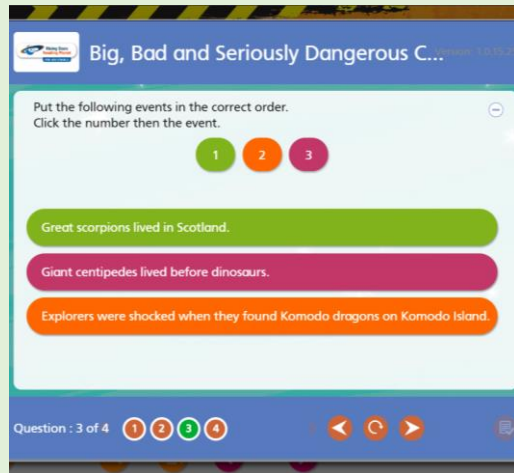
- **Multiple choice** - the pupil clicks in the circle next to the correct answer.
- **Complete the grid** - as with Multiple Choice above, the pupil clicks on the circles next to the correct answers in the grid.



- **Fill in the gaps** - the pupil clicks on a word and then clicks on the correct gap to place the word there.



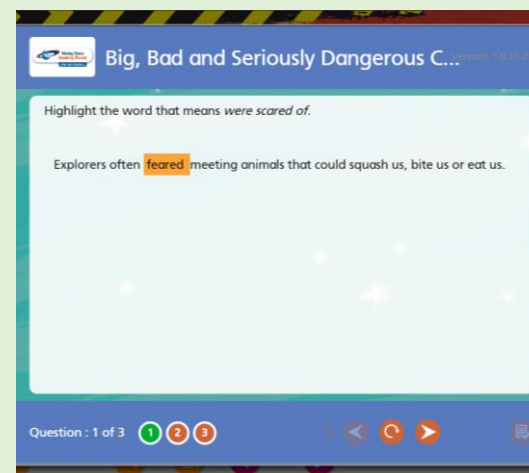
- **Matching** - the pupil clicks on a coloured lozenge at the top of the quiz and then clicks on the associated lozenge below, which becomes the same colour.



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



- **Highlight the right word** - the pupil clicks and drags to highlight the correct word. The word can also be double clicked to highlight it. On an iPad, your child holds their finger down to highlight a single word and drags to highlight multiple words.



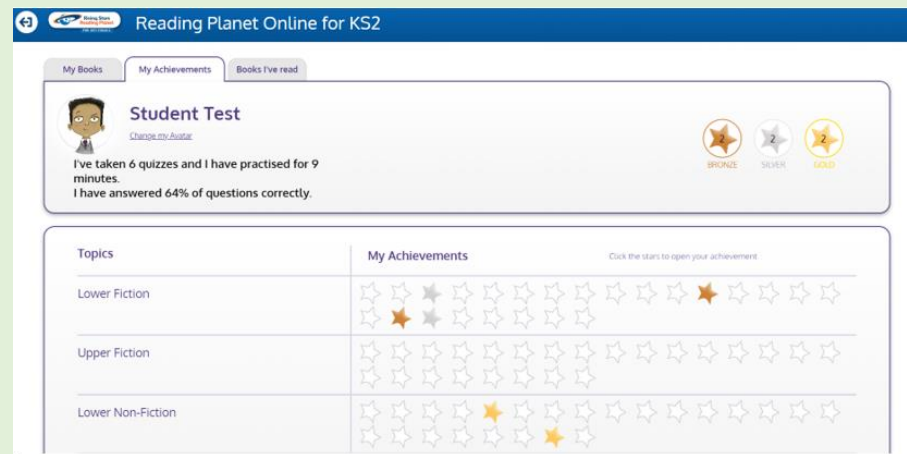


You will be able to track how pupils are doing in the quizzes through the teacher reporting dashboard.

- Bronze: 0-36%**
Silver: 37-72%
Gold: 73-100%

- Bronze: 0-50%**
Silver: 51-78%
Gold: 79-100%

- Bronze: 0-59%**
Silver: 60-79%
Gold: 80-100%

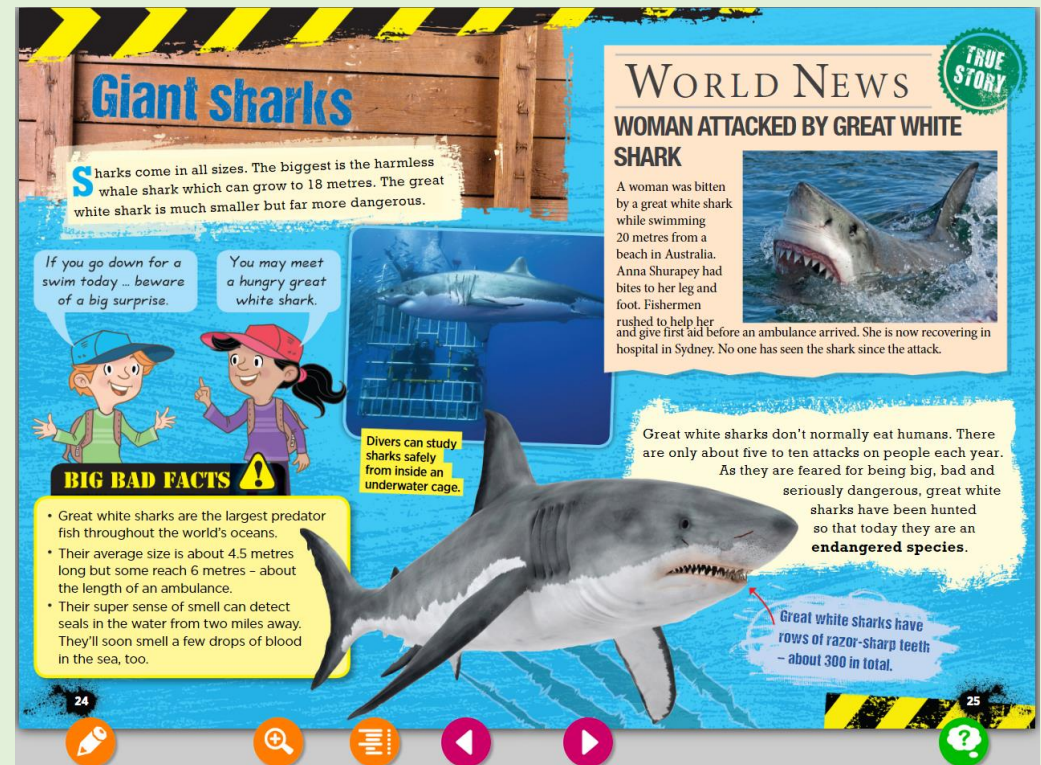


Launch an eBook for front-of-class teaching



Using the Menu or search tool, find the book you wish to use and click on the book resource button to launch it on your whiteboard or other device.

-  Use the left/right arrows below the book to scroll through it page by page.
-  Click on the contents page icon to jump to different chapters within the book.
-  Click on the magnifying glass icon to zoom in and click again to zoom out.
-  Click on the quiz button to launch the checkpoint and end-of-book quizzes.
-  Click on the tool icon to open the teacher toolbox.



Use the teacher toolbox

The teacher toolbox contains tools that are useful for front-of-class teaching to draw attention to specific features in the text or illustrations. They include:



Highlighting tool - can be used to highlight individual words or phrases, for example, to highlight all the verbs or all the adjectives on a double page.

Drawing tool - can be used to draw additional details onto the page, for example, to draw in more stars in the sky, more toys in a bedroom or change a facial expression.

Framing tools - these can be positioned and resized to frame features you want to draw attention to on a double page.

Sticky note tool - can be used to add annotations to the page.

Deletion tool - this removes all annotations you have added to the double page.

Please note that any annotations are session-based and cannot be saved - once you move to another page or exit the book, the annotations will automatically disappear.

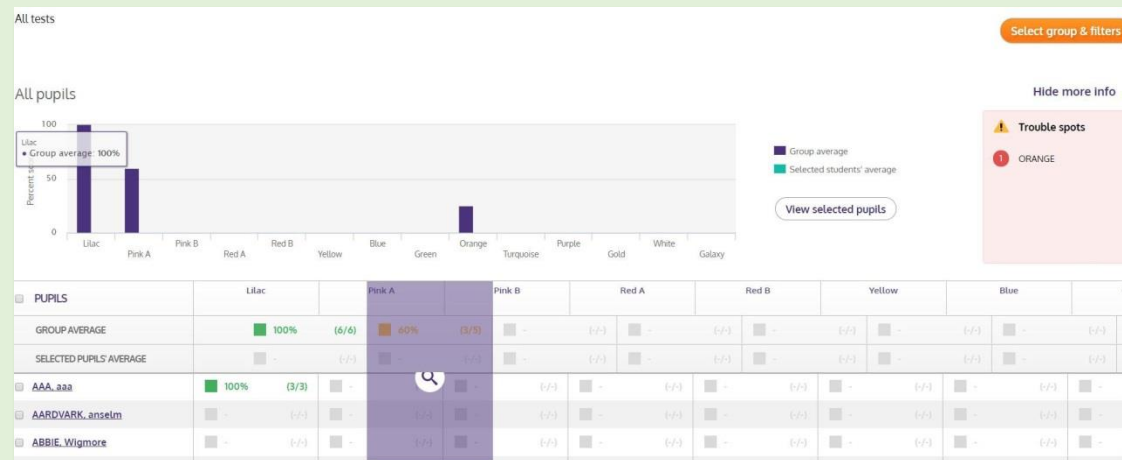
Use the teacher reporting dashboard

The teacher reporting dashboard is simple and easy to use. It enables you to track pupils' progress in the end-of-book quizzes according to key reading skill areas (content domains).

To access it, click on 'Reports' in the top right-hand corner of your dashboard and choose the group or book band/level you would like to filter by.

Teachers reports also show:

- The total time each child has spent on the quizzes.
- Where their gaps in understanding are in terms of the skill areas/content domains.
- How your class/group is doing as a whole, including comparing selected pupils to the group/class average.
- 'Trouble Spots' that require extra attention.
- Content domains viewable by question within each quiz for closer evaluation.



Content Domains

Here are the Content domains/skill areas that have been used in the reporting for *Reading Planet Online*:

Content domains/skill areas
2a give / explain the meaning of words in context
2b retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction
2c summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph
2d make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text
2e predict what might happen from details stated and implied
2f identify / explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole
2g identify / explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases
2h make comparisons within the text

View scores and reports

You can view progress via either the 'View scores' button, which changes to a view that provides percentage scores, or 'View heat map' which categorises pupils' scores into three colours. **Red** indicates that children are working below the expected standard; **yellow** indicates that they are working at the expected standard; and **green** indicates that they are working beyond the expected standard.

You will be able to see Group Results and Average Scores, and you can also drill down into more detail on individual pupils.

At a glance you will be able to identify gaps in the knowledge and understanding of each of your pupils with the help of 'trouble spots'.

All our reports are exportable into Word or Excel. Select a pupil or pupils and click on the 'Please select pupils to run a report' button.



NB Where children are completing quizzes at home with parental support, the results should only be used as an indicator of reading attainment and not as a definitive measure.

Where to get help

If you have any problems with *Reading Planet Online* that cannot be resolved within your school, please contact our online support team:

Email: onlinesupport@risingstars-uk.com

Phone: 0203 122 6006

You can find information about accessing our resources on the Rising Stars website:
www.risingstars-uk.com

Minimum recommended screen resolution size: 1024 by 768. For smaller screens, please zoom out within your browser in order to view all content.

Please note that some question types are not currently compatible with iPads. Please contact the online support team (details above) if you experience any further issues.