

Dear Parents

We would like to introduce you to a special feature of our Accelerated Reader Program, called **Renaissance Home Connect**, which you can access from home using this address: <https://Ukhosted74.renlearn.co.uk/2259817/HomeConnect>. Ask your son to log in using his Accelerated Reader username and password, and you will be able to see his progress on the scheme.

The screenshot displays the Renaissance Home Connect user interface. At the top, it shows the user's name 'Amy Lumley-Wood' and navigation links for 'Email Setup', 'Help', and 'Log Out'. The main navigation bar includes 'Accelerated Reader' and 'reading' with a book icon. Below this, there are tabs for 'Reading Practice Quizzes' and 'Vocabulary Practice Quizzes'. The 'My Overall Progress' section for the period 16/04/2018 - 06/07/2018 (25% Complete) shows three metrics: Quizzes at 57.5% (average % correct, target 85, below target), Points at 7.2 (28.8% of target, target 25, 17.8 points to target), and ATOS Book Level at 5.6 (average level, no target set). A summary bar indicates 'Quizzes Passed/Taken: 1/2' and 'Word Count: 77,812'. The 'Reader Certifications' section shows 'Last Achieved: None' and 'Current Target: No Target Set'. The 'My Last Quiz' section, taken on 04/05/2018, features the book 'Time Travelling with a Hamster' by Ross Welford, with an ATOS Book Level of 5.6 and an Interest Level. Quiz results show '6 of 10 Correct' (60%) and '7.2 of 12.0 Points' (7.2). A 'View My Bookshelf' link is provided. At the bottom, the 'Find Books' section promotes the 'AR BookFinder' tool with a 'Click to Open in New Window' link.

There is a link on the page to <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk> which can help you and your son to search for books within his reading range, or ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) on the scheme.

If you use the advanced search, as shown below, you can search for books within your son's ZPD (reading range). However, do please make sure that you select the

correct age range or interest level for your son's actual age and not his reading age. Otherwise, the search results might include books that are inappropriate for him.

The screenshot shows the Renaissance Accelerated Reader Bookfinder search page. At the top right, it says "United Kingdom" with a map of the UK. The main header is "RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™". Below this are navigation tabs: "Librarian", "Quick Search", "Advanced Search" (which is selected), and "Collections".

On the left side, there is a sidebar with an "AR BookBag™" icon and a section titled "Enter Keycode" with a text input field and a "Go" button. Below this, a note states: "You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child."

The main search area includes radio buttons for search criteria: "Contains..." (selected), "Starts With...", and "Exact Match...". There are input fields for "Title", "Author", "Publisher", and "ISBN". Below these are dropdown menus for "Quiz Released" (set to "Any Time") and "Quiz Type" (set to "Any Quiz Type").

Further down, there are checkboxes for "Interest Level" (checked) and "ZPD Range/ATOS Book Level" (checked). The "Interest Level" dropdown is set to "Lower Years, Ages 5 to 8". The "ZPD Range/ATOS Book Level" is set to "3.0 through 4.2", with a "Show Lexile® Measure" link. A note below says "select an Interest Level first".

Under "Additional Criteria", there are three dropdown menus: "All Topics", "All Subtopics", and "Fiction and Non-fiction".

At the bottom, there is a "Sort" dropdown set to "Title" and two buttons: "Search" and "Clear Form".

At the very bottom, there is a footer with copyright information: "©2017 Renaissance Learning, Inc. All rights reserved. | Privacy Policy | Terms of Use", a link to "Link Accelerated Reader BookFinder to your school's web page", and "METAMETRICS® and LEXILE® are trademarks of MetaMetrics, Inc., and are registered in the United States and abroad. Copyright © 2014 MetaMetrics, Inc. All rights reserved."

Books aimed at older children are not necessarily more challenging to read, but there may be some content that is unsuitable. In the Inky Library these Upper Years books are usually found in our Young Adult section, and they are only loaned to boys in year 7 and 8 due to the content.

If your son is still struggling to find the right thing to read Mrs Lumley-Wood will be happy to help in the library at any break or lunchtime.

Kind regards

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