

Reading – using Accelerated Reader

- Children can take the Reading Practice quiz for each book they have read.
- Access the website via here <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2255917>
- Quizzes are multiple choice and typically contain 3, 5 or 10 questions.
- We encourage children to look through the book to check for answers – it's a comprehension test, not a memory test.
- There is no expectation for children to take quizzes at home – they will be given time in school for quizzes. The key at home is regular opportunities to read – this can include shared reading with an adult and listening to audio books.

Spelling

- Spellings are set on a fortnightly cycle.
- Children practice different activities and games in class. You can find age-appropriate grids on the Homefield website by visiting the relevant year group <https://www.homefield-primary.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=87>
- Children are welcome to use the activities/games that they learn best with.

Using Emile

- In Autumn 1, children should spend the time familiarising themselves with this programme. More specific tasks will follow in Autumn 2. It is recommended that children select tasks from the menu on the left when they first log in and then go to Story Mode. Tasks include Spelling, Grammar, Addition and Subtraction and Place Value.

Using TT Rock Stars & Numbots

- Whilst Numbots covers more foundational knowledge than TT Rock Stars – both apps are suitable for all children of varying levels of confidence with Maths.
- Numbots mainly covers subitising, number bonds, mental addition and mental subtraction. Whilst for many this may seem simple, rehearsing these skills helps children to calculate quicker when solving more complex questions.
- If your child is feeling low on confidence with quick recall and mental calculations, it's best they work their way through story mode. If they are regularly struggling to score at least 2 stars and move up to the next level, speak to your child's teacher so they can support.
- Otherwise, children should aim to beat their high score on each of the games in the Challenge Mode. Children can earn trophies for answering at least 20 questions within a minute.
- TT Rock Stars helps children to learn their times tables and associated division facts.
- In most cases, Garage is the most appropriate game for children to play – this adjusts the level of challenge based on each child's individual performance. Rounds can be adjusted to 1, 2 or 3 minutes.
- If Garage is proving too challenging, Jamming is recommended. In Jamming, children can select which table(s) they focus on, how many questions they answer and whether to include division.



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- If Garage isn't challenging enough and your child feels confident on their times tables, Studio is the best challenge – these games last 1 minute each and include all of the tables. Studio is the best game for children in Years 5 and 6 who are confident and just want to dip into their tables.
- If children are struggling with display settings or the time aspects of TT or Numbots, please check the settings – many adjustments can be made by children directly when logged in. Chat to your child's teacher if difficulties persist.