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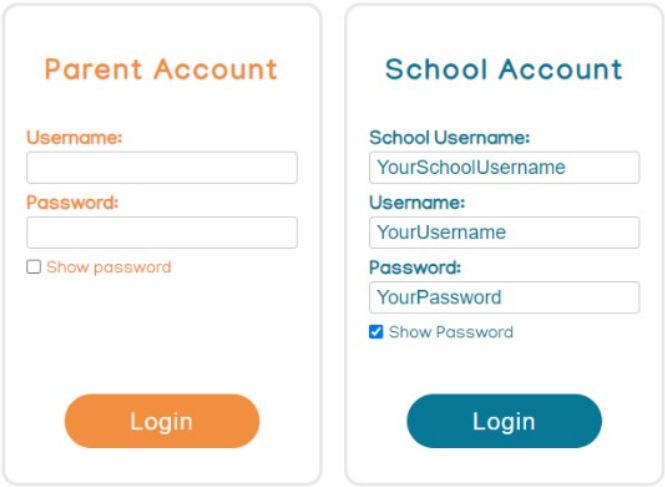
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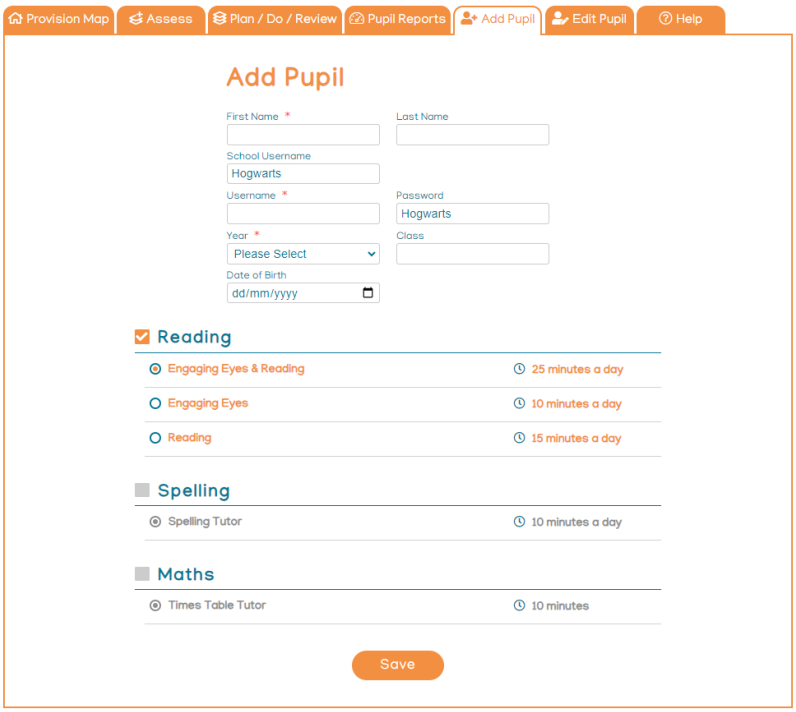
Literacy Gold is a suite of programs to help children learn to read and spell. Ideally, we recommend children play for 25 minutes a day.

Pupils have their own logins and can use Literacy Gold at home or at school.

How to Log In

Both pupils and teachers log in on the blue School Account side.





How to Add Pupils

Add pupils by going to the Add Pupil tab.

Usernames only need to be unique within your school. Last Name, Class and Date of Birth are all optional.

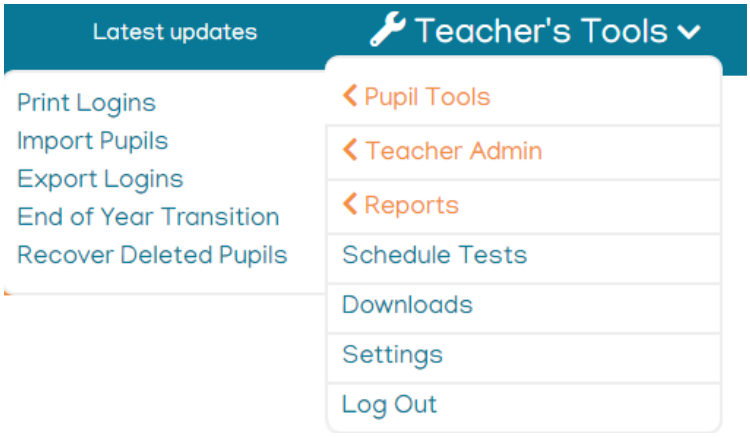
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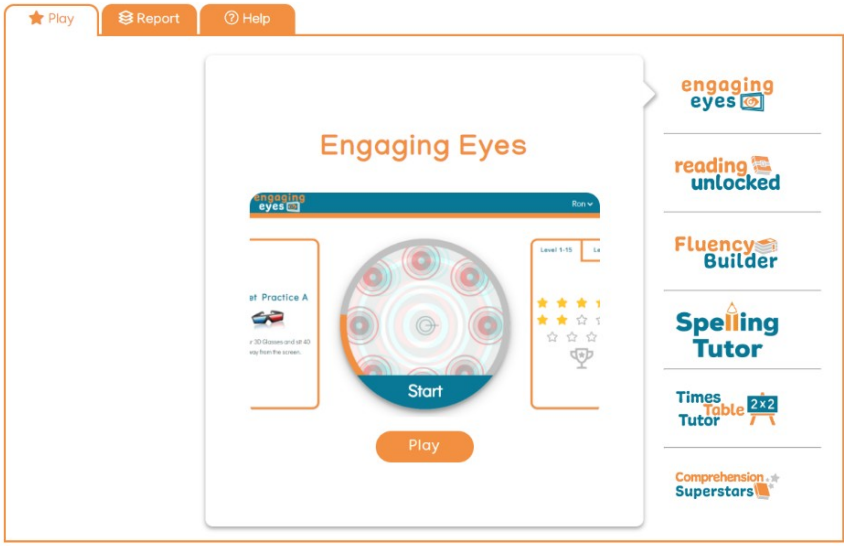
You can also import pupils from a spreadsheet by going to *Teacher's Tools > Pupil tools > Import Pupils*

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Print Login Details

You can print login details, to give to each pupil, from the Teacher's Tools menu.





Pupil Dashboard

When children first log in, they take a placement test to decide if they play Reading Unlocked or Fluency Builder, and which level they should start on.

The second time a pupil logs in to Literacy Gold, they will be asked to do a very quick reading age test before playing.

The Programs

Our most important program is Engaging Eyes, as it stops eyes wobbling when you read. It only takes 10 minutes to play.

Programs can be played on a PC, Mac and Chromebook. All programs, except Engaging Eyes, can also be played on an iPad.

Children need to be able to hear the program. Most of our schools use headphones. They can also record themselves reading if they have a microphone.

To stop firewall issues our programs need to be whitelisted by your IT department: www.LiteracyGold.co.uk/Whitelisting

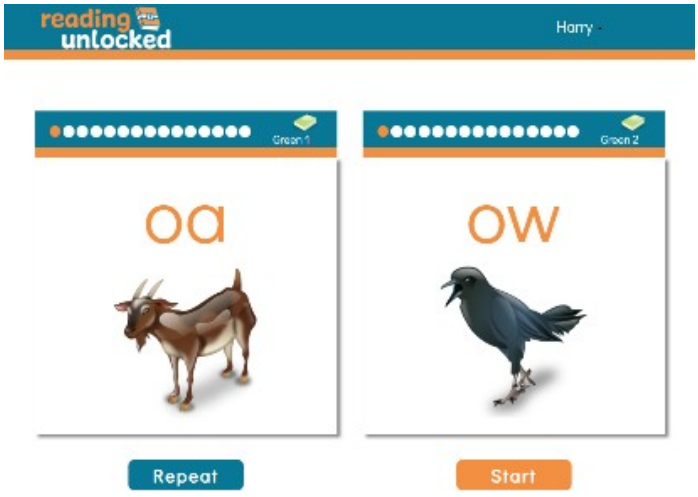
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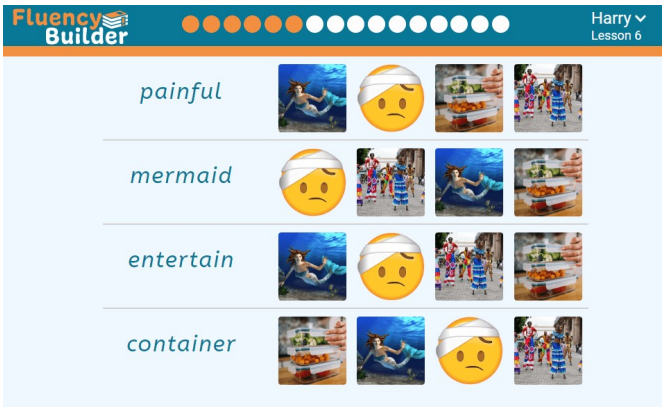
Reading Unlocked

Reading Unlocked is our phonics and phonological awareness program. Poor phonological awareness (the ability to break words into sounds) is often the reason children struggle with phonics.

The pupil will need paper or a whiteboard. If they have a microphone, they can record themselves reading and listen to it.

The last activity is shared reading of a poem with an adult. This poem can then be printed out and sent home with the child to read with their parents.





Fluency Builder

Fluency Builder follows on from Reading Unlocked. It teaches more phonological awareness, homophones and two and three syllable words.

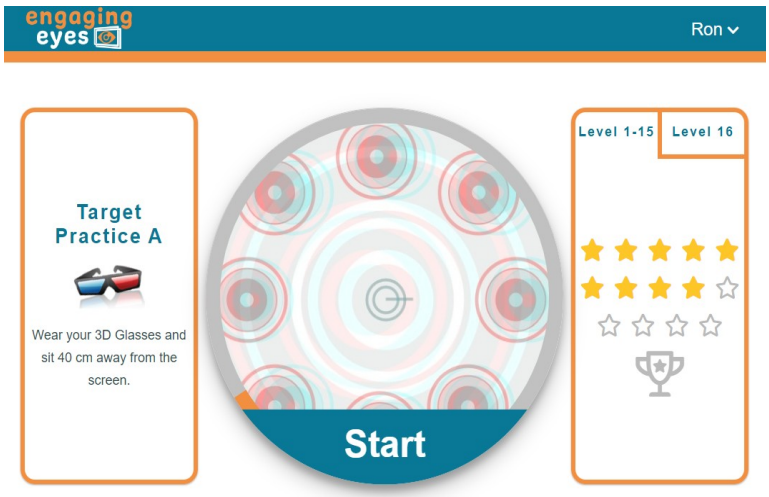
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Engaging Eyes

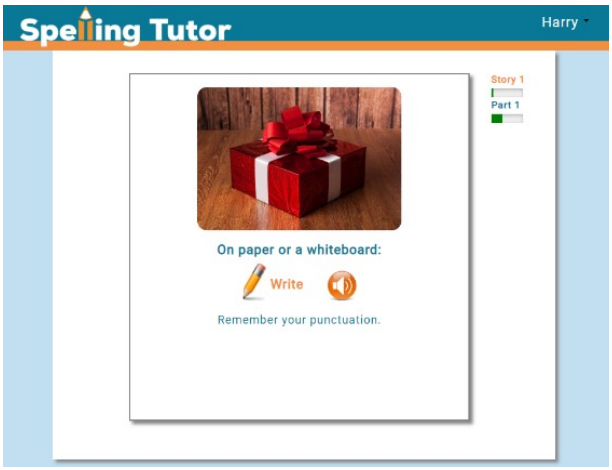
Engaging Eyes is a vision training program which strengthens your eye muscles, so that you can track smoothly across the page.

It is our most important program. If you only have time for one program, this is the one we recommend.

3D glasses, which we send to you, are needed to play some games. Playing Engaging Eyes may make your eyes slightly sore because it exercises your eye muscles. This will only last a few minutes.



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Spelling Tutor

Spelling Tutor teaches over 1,000 of the most common words, including all the words in the National Curriculum for spelling.

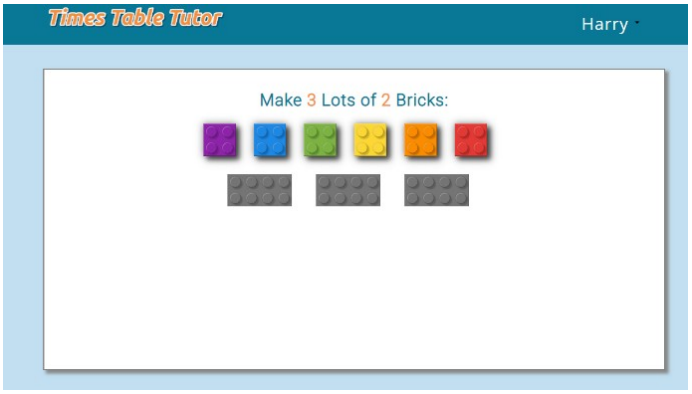
Pupils write words and sentences, from dictation, on paper.

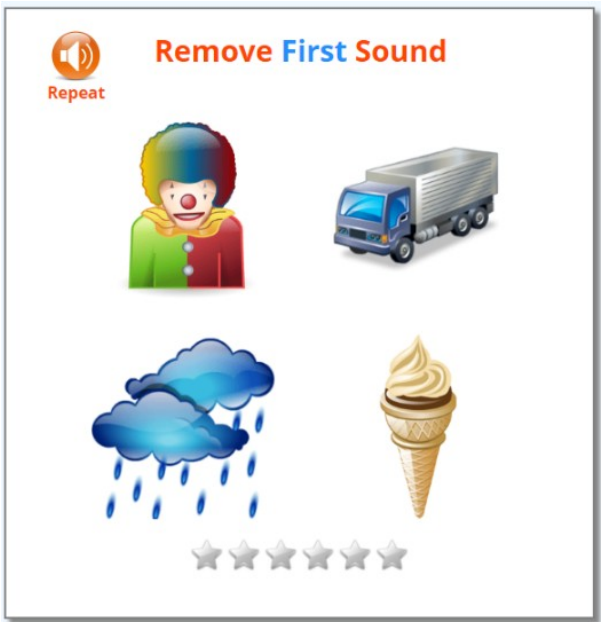
Spelling Tutor uses spaced repetition. Each word they get wrong they repeat on day 2, 3, 5, 8 and 13.

Times Table Tutor

Times Table Tutor teaches tables up to 12 x 12. It is based on Singapore maths and is designed to be calm and distraction free.

It has no timer and is not competitive, making it particularly suitable for some SEN pupils.





Dyslexia Screener

The Dyslexia Screener takes 10-15 minutes. It is optional and needs to be done with an adult. You can find it in the Assess Tab on the Teacher's Dashboard.

Select the Pupil, whom you have previously added using Add Pupil, to do the Dyslexia Screener.

The report can be later downloaded from the Plan/Do/Review tab.