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Reading Books

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know in Reception one of the most important aspects is learning to read. The learning to read process is a complex one and is full of a variety of different activities, teaching and resources.

A lot of the early reading process is through the teaching, learning and application of phonics, which we hope you are managing to continue through our home learning activities on Tapestry. To support this from home, Phonics Play, which we use to support the teaching and learning of phonics, has made itself free again.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Username: jan21 Password: home

In addition to this the children usually receive an individual reading book to practise each week.

Due to lockdown, we are unable to facilitate an individual reading book lending process, however we hope that this guidance can help.

Please log on to The Oxford Owls website <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/> here you can access a range of free school individual readers. To join is free. The website offers a range of different reading schemes.

For children in Reception, the pink and red level books (Oxford Level 1+ and Level 2) are likely to be the most appropriate at this stage.

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Our [free eBook library](#) has been created to help children aged 3-11 to develop their reading skills at home. You'll find books from Oxford's most popular primary school brands including *Oxford Reading Tree* and *Read Write Inc.*, as well as stories from our *Read with Oxford* range, all available for free.

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As well as much-loved characters such as *Biff, Chip and Kipper* and *Winnie the Witch*, you'll also find some great **non-fiction eBooks** to help your child explore their world. We have also added some books used in schools, such as *Read Write Inc.* and *Oxford Reading Tree*.

All our eBooks are free to use, but you will need to register or log in on the [next page](#) to read your book. Please note, our eBooks are not optimised for mobile phones and are best viewed on a computer, laptop, or tablet.

<p>Browse by age:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eBooks for age 3-4 eBooks for age 4-5 eBooks for age 5-6 eBooks for age 6-7 eBooks for age 7-9 eBooks for age 9-11 	<p>Browse by series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Read with Oxford</i> <i>Read Write Inc.</i> <i>Project X</i> <i>Oxford Reading Tree</i> 	<p>Browse by Oxford Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Oxford Level 1</i> Book Band: Lilac <i>Oxford Level 1+</i> Book Band: Pink <i>Oxford Level 2</i> Book Band: Red <i>Oxford Level 2+</i> Book Band: Yellow <i>Oxford Level 3</i> Book Band: Light blue <i>Oxford Level 3+</i> Book Band: Green <i>Oxford Level 4</i> Book Band: Orange
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Having fun, achieving excellence.

Successful learners. Confident individuals. Responsible citizens.

Through Tapestry we will endeavour to suggest a book a week to share at home (from the Oxford Site) to replicate sending a book home. You can access more if you wish.

You can also access [Collins Connect](https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/DefaultLogin.aspx) via <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/DefaultLogin.aspx>

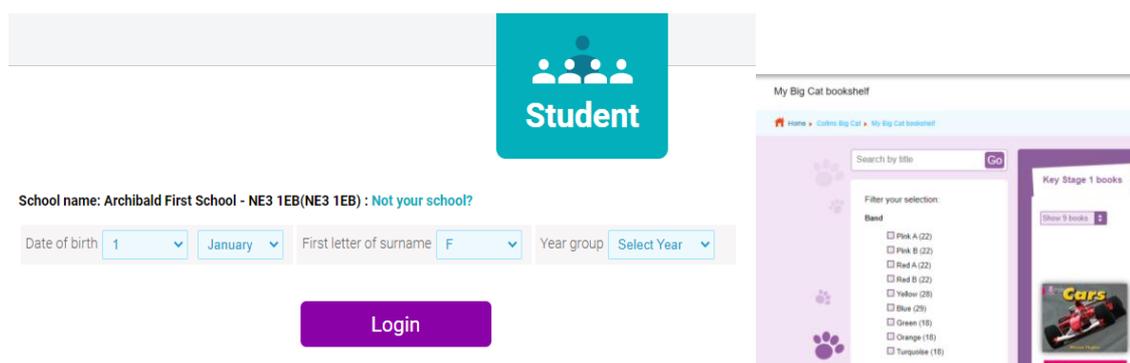
The Collins website is a **generic login** for everyone...

So first select the school as **Archibald First School**

Then the first letter of the last name must be **F**

The day and month of birth must be **1** and **January**

Enter year group must be **1**



The image shows two screenshots from the Collins Connect website. The left screenshot is the login page for a student. It features a teal header with a 'Student' button. Below the header, the school name is set to 'Archibald First School - NE3 1EB(NE3 1EB) : Not your school?'. The login form includes dropdown menus for 'Date of birth' (set to 1), 'Month' (set to January), 'First letter of surname' (set to F), and 'Year group' (set to Select Year). A purple 'Login' button is positioned below the form. The right screenshot shows the 'My Big Cat bookshelf' page. It has a search bar and a 'Go' button. Below the search bar, there is a 'Filter your selection' section with a 'Band' list: Pink A (22), Pink B (22), Red A (22), Red B (22), Yellow (28), Blue (28), Green (18), Orange (18), and Turquoise (18). To the right, there is a 'Key Stage 1 books' section with a 'Show 9 books' button and a book cover for 'Cars'.

The Pink and Red books may be the most suitable for Reception.

As well as accessing these books, immersing your child in stories, books, print is key; we aim to inspire children to have a love of books and a keen interest in reading. If we can get this right, then this will certainly go a long way in helping the children develop into readers as they learn the 'mechanics of reading'.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Mrs Nelson and Mrs Jones.