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Reading Books

Dear Parents/Carers,

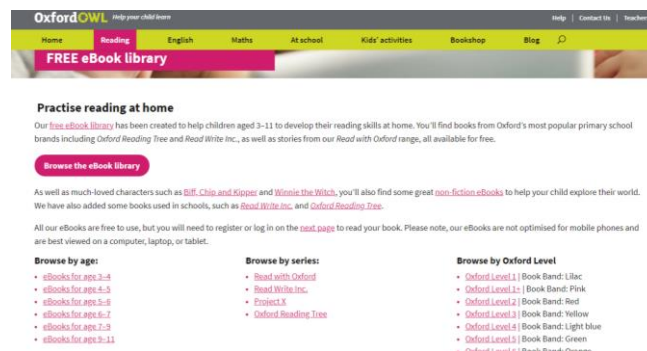
The learning to read process is one full of a variety of different activities, teaching and resources.

Some of our children are accessing phonics programs to support their reading. Phonics Play, which we use to support the teaching and learning of phonics in school, has made itself free for home access again. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Username: jan21 Password: home

In addition to this all 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 and has books suitable for children up to the age of 11. In terms of the colour bands; Years 3 and 4 are likely to be on Purple and above...



Having fun, achieving excellence.
 Successful learners. Confident individuals. Responsible citizens.

For those children still at an earlier stage of their reading; you can also access [Collins Connect](https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/DefaultLogin.aspx) via <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/DefaultLogin.aspx>

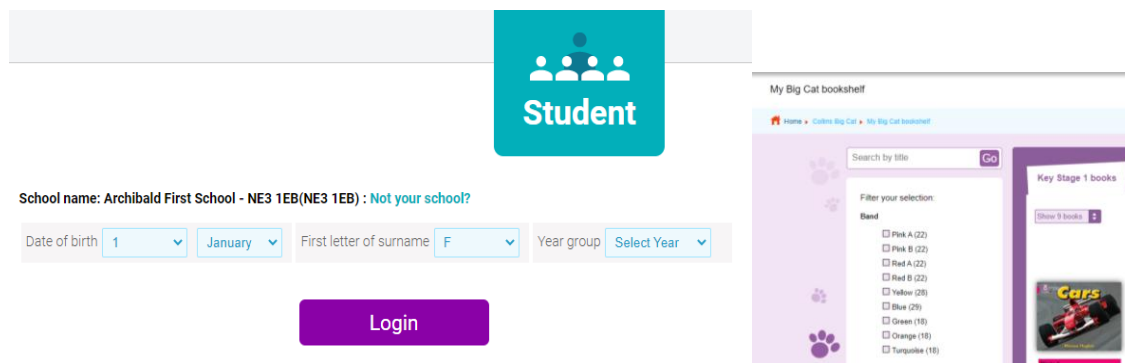
The Collins website is a **generic login** for everyone...

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' icon. 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' interface. It has a search bar and a list of books categorized by color: Pink (4), Red (4), Yellow (2), Blue (2), Green (1), Orange (1), and Turquoise (1). A 'Key Stage 1 books' section is also visible, featuring a book cover for 'Cars'.

As well as accessing these books, immersing your child in stories, books and 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

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