



Thursday, 2nd November, 2023

Dear Reception Parents/Carers,

On Friday 3rd November, you will find a username and password inside your child's reading record card, this will enable you to access the Collins digital reading books.

Each Friday, your child's class teacher will allocate a book to your child's digital library. This book will be familiar to your child as they will have been introduced to it in class. We would encourage you to listen to your child read the same book every day until they are familiar with the letter sounds/vocabulary. Please make a note in your child's reading record once they have read.

Please see below for guidance on how to use the digital library:

Parent Guide

PLEASE NOTE - The eBook platform is **not** recommended for use on Kindles. All Apple and Android devices must run on the following OS:

Platform	OS (support)
Android	9 and above
iOS	12 and above

Logging in

To access your child's Big Cat eBooks, go to: <https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>

Enter the username and password located at the top of this page.

If you misplace your password, contact your school.

Library

Once logged in, you will land on the library. Here you will see any books that have been assigned to your child by their teacher. You can access a resource sheet for each book by clicking the three dots, then "Resources," as shown below.

The reader

To open one of the books, select either the cover or the "Read" button. You will see this screen.

Some key elements of the reader are highlighted in the above image:



- Use the arrows either side of the page to leaf through the book.
- Use the single- and double-page icons to switch between those two views. Many of the Big Cat books are best experienced using the double page view.
- Use the zoom function as required. The “Fit to width” option helps you to make best use of your screen
- For longer books, you can use the Table of Contents in the left-hand menu to navigate.
- Do not worry about remembering where you left off. When you next open the book, you will start from where you left off.

Audio

Where audio is available, the audio icon will appear in the top right corner. Click this to launch the audio toolbar (shown below).

The words will be highlighted as the audio plays. You can pause the audio at any time and adjust the volume. The finger icon in the toolbar allows you to point at any word, and the audio will begin playing from there. To dismiss the audio toolbar, simply click the cross icon.

Apps

The Collins eBooks app is available for iOS and Android from the App Store. The app is free to download, and you can log in using the same details.

When using the app, you can download books to your device, after which you can then access them without needing to be connected to the internet.

If you have any problems accessing the digital library, please let me know and I will support you with this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Gentleman".

Nicola Gentleman

Deputy Headteacher