

Literacy Gold

A Parent's Guide to using Literacy Gold at Home

Literacy Gold helps children read, write, and spell, along with learning their times tables.

Your child's school feels that they will benefit from playing Literacy Gold. They may not play all of the programs, and they may normally play at school.

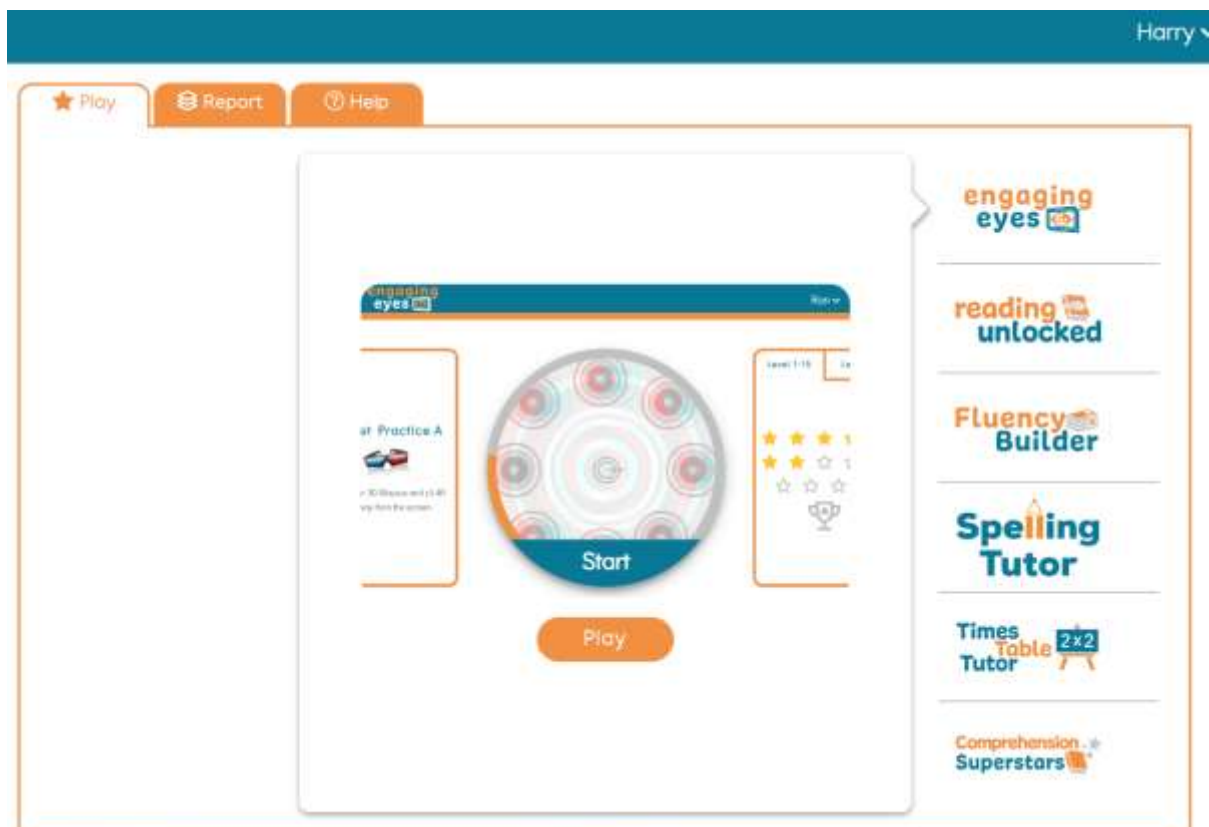
This guide is to provide you with some information about the science behind the programs and how to use them at home.

Accessing Literacy Gold

Literacy Gold's programs are online. The programs can be played on either a laptop, computer, or iPad, except Engaging Eyes. Engaging Eyes only works on a laptop or a computer.

Login at: <https://literacygold.co.uk/Account/Login>

School will give your child the login details. Once logged in, the child now chooses which program they should play:



You may not see all these programs, as the school decides which ones your child should play.

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The programs are all designed so that your child works independently and doesn't need any help.

The Programs

Each program takes around 10-15 minutes to play and should, if possible, be played daily. The programs finish themselves and return to the home page where they can select another program to play or log off.

Engaging Eyes – Vision Training

Engaging Eyes is designed to help your child focus both eyes on the same point and track across the page. There are several games in Engaging Eyes and your child should have 3D glasses to wear when they play target practice.

Target Practice – Turn the shooter left or right to line up with the target. Move the shooter in or out using up and down arrow keys. Fire using the space bar.

Whack an Alien – Use the mouse or track pad to click on the alien when it appears.

Speed Fix – Watch and see if you see an 'a'.

Eye Tracking – Press the space bar if you see 'b'

Fluency Builder – Phonological Awareness

Fluency Builder is helping your child hear the different sounds in words, like the g-oa-t in goat. Your child will be playing lots of activities and reading passages to help improve their reading.

Each lesson clearly explains what your child needs to do. There is a sound button which they can press to hear the instructions again.

Reading Unlocked – Phonics and Phonological Awareness

Reading Unlocked is for younger readers or children who are finding phonics difficult. It is multi-sensory, and your child will be asked to write, speak, and read so they will need a pen/pencil and paper.

At the end of each lesson, there is a poem that you and your child can read together. They read the words in red, you read the rest.

Spelling Tutor – Spelling

Spelling Tutor is a spaced repetition-based program that teaches over 1,000 of the most common words in the English language. It is used across all abilities and does not mean your child is finding spelling

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difficult. Your child will need a pen/pencil and paper as they write whilst playing Spelling Tutor and mark their own work.

Times Table Tutor – Times Tables

Times Table Tutor is designed to help children have rapid recall of their times tables. It is based on Singapore maths and is a calm, distraction free learning environment.