

Dear Grange Community

Welcome to 2023 at Grange. I'm looking forward to wonderfully good progress for all our children.

All of our Grange adults are working so hard with great skill to meet the needs of the children so that they can thrive.

We have beautiful new book corners in every classroom which have books labelled with ZPD levels.

ZPD stands for 'zone of proximal development'. This was a term coined by the great psychologist and educational philosopher Lev Vygotsky. It means that in order to learn well and make progress, we need to be learning at exactly the right level.

If what we are trying to learn is too hard, we might give up or struggle. If it is too easy, we might get bored and lose interest...but if what we are learning is not too easy and not too hard but just right i.e. the zone of *proximal* development, we will stretch ourselves and really remember what we learn and grow in our knowledge and skills.

This is why it is important to read at the right level for every person and especially a child learning in Primary School.

If the book is too hard, they will not understand and won't really learn anything and might even give up. If the book is too easy, the child will not make progress. That is why the book needs to be at exactly the right level and to get that we have a system called ZPD labelling and every child knows their ZPD score which we get through sophisticated testing and then we have labelled books in our school with a ZPD label and children know how to choose the right ZPD level for themselves. This is monitored by the staff and by the English subject leader at Grange.

If you want to know the ZPD level of a book, you can easily find it by using the website pictured below. You will have fun seeing what the ZPD levels are for your favourite book!

Please make sure to save the dates for the Welcome to the classroom open mornings this term. We love welcoming you safely into school and we are all so excited (staff and children) to share the learning with parents and carers.

I wish you all a CC weekend full of reading at your ZPD!



Mr Kerbel
Headteacher
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The ZPD bookfinder link and an example:

[https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/
UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%
2fdefault.aspx](https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx)

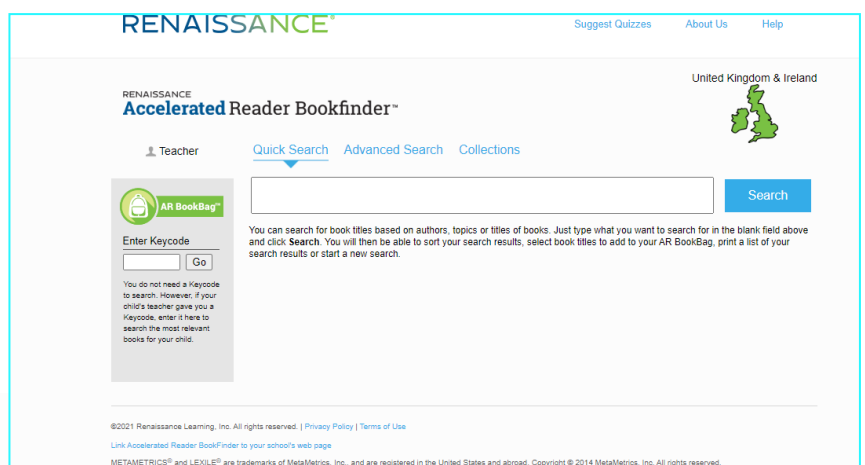


Charles Dickens' David Copperfield

Williams, Marcia
AR Quiz No. 228046 EN Fiction
IL: MY - BL: 5.2 - AR Pts: 1.0
AR Quiz Types: RP
Rating: ★★★★★

Marcia Williams retells the story of David Copperfield in her distinctive cartoon-strip style.

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSION INFORMATION
CHILDREN WHO ARE
DUE TO START PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN
1 SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 31 AUGUST 2019

You need to apply for a **reception** place.

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN
1 SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 31 AUGUST 2020

You need to apply for a **nursery** place.

Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
15 JANUARY 2023

**APPLYING ONLINE IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN
RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE
OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.**

For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email
schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk

SCHOOL CALENDAR



Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February	Half term holiday
Monday 20th February	Children return to school
Thursday 30th March	Last day of term school finishes 1pm
Friday 31st March	Staff training day: school closed for children
Monday 3rd April— Friday 14th April	Easter break: school closed
Monday 17th April	Children return to school

OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 16th January	Year 1
Wednesday 18th January	Year 4
Monday 30th January	Year 6
Tuesday 31st January	Year 5
Wednesday 1st February	Year 2
Thursday 2nd February	EYFS
Friday 3rd February	Year 3

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