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# Rocket Phonics Online

## PARENT GUIDE

A guide to using Rocket Phonics and Rocket Phonics Next Steps on Boost with your child



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# WHAT IS ROCKET PHONICS ONLINE

Rocket Phonics Online is a phonics teaching and learning programme for ages 4–6. For learners aged 6–7, we provide the Rocket Phonics Online Next Steps follow-on programme. Both programmes include a wide range of reading practice books in digital format. These eBooks can be assigned to your child to read online at school or at home.

Rocket Phonics books are designed to appeal to children who are starting to learn to read, as well as those who are becoming fluent readers. There is a variety of fiction and non-fiction, written by phonics experts and children's book writers. The books have been carefully levelled according to book banding and other criteria, to ensure gradual progression in difficulty. For ages 4–6, the books are also fully decodable to support learners as they learn to read through phonics.

Each eBook features an optional audio recording (with each word highlighted as it is read) and a variety of quizzes to check comprehension and develop vocabulary.



# INTRODUCTION TO **Boost**



Boost is an interactive online learning platform which hosts digital resources published by Hodder Education.

Depending on which resources they have subscribed to or purchased, a school may access a variety of digital resources via Boost across different subject areas such as reading, phonics, maths and science.

Rocket Phonics Online is accessed on the Boost website at [boost-learning.com](https://boost-learning.com)

# GETTING STARTED WITH BOOST

## Accessing Boost learning

Please login via a browser at <https://boost-learning.com/>

Please note that Rocket Phonics Online should be accessed via a browser and not the Boost app.



Enter your user details including the Centre ID. Login details should be provided by the school. If you have any problems with the login process, please contact your child's school.

## Supported Devices

- Laptops and desktop PCs
- Android and Apple tablets and mobiles

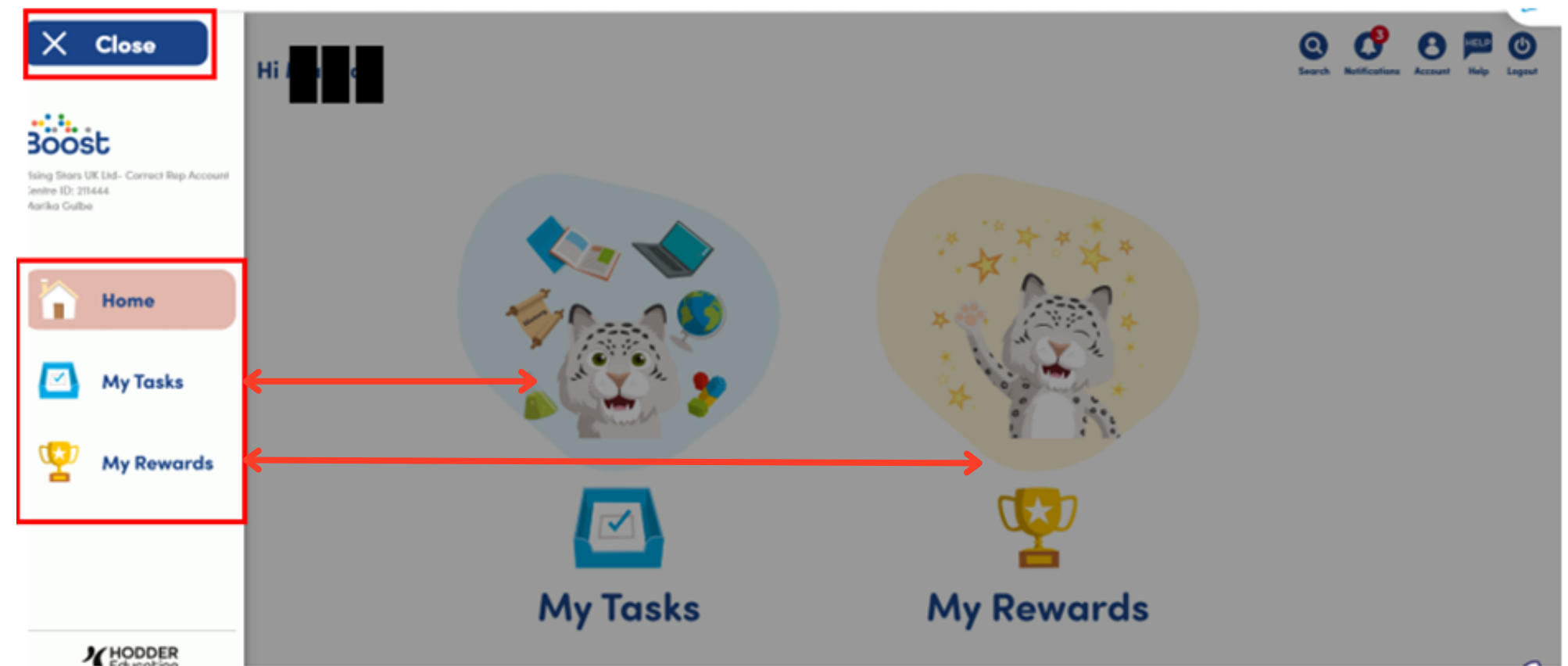
Please ensure your chosen device has internet access and that your operating system has been updated to the latest version.

A screenshot of the Boost login page. The page has a light blue background. At the top, it says "Welcome. Please log in." Below that is a link "New to Boost? Find out more". The main form has three input fields: "Username / email address" with the text "PUPIL", "Password" with four dots, and "Centre ID" with the text "258974". Below the form is a link "Forgotten your password?". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Sign in with Microsoft" and "Sign in with Google". A blue "Log in" button is located at the bottom right of the form area. Red boxes highlight the "Log in" button in the top left, the "Log in" button in the bottom right, and the entire login form area.

# BOOST LEARNER DASHBOARD

When you log into your learner account on Boost, you'll first see your dashboard. Once a Rocket Phonics eBook has been assigned to your child, they will appear in the 'My Tasks' area.

You will find quick links to the different areas of the platform. You can navigate to these from the main screen or using the sidebar. The sidebar appears on all Boost pages and allows you to navigate to the different areas of the platform no matter where you are.



Quick links from the home dashboard and sidebar:

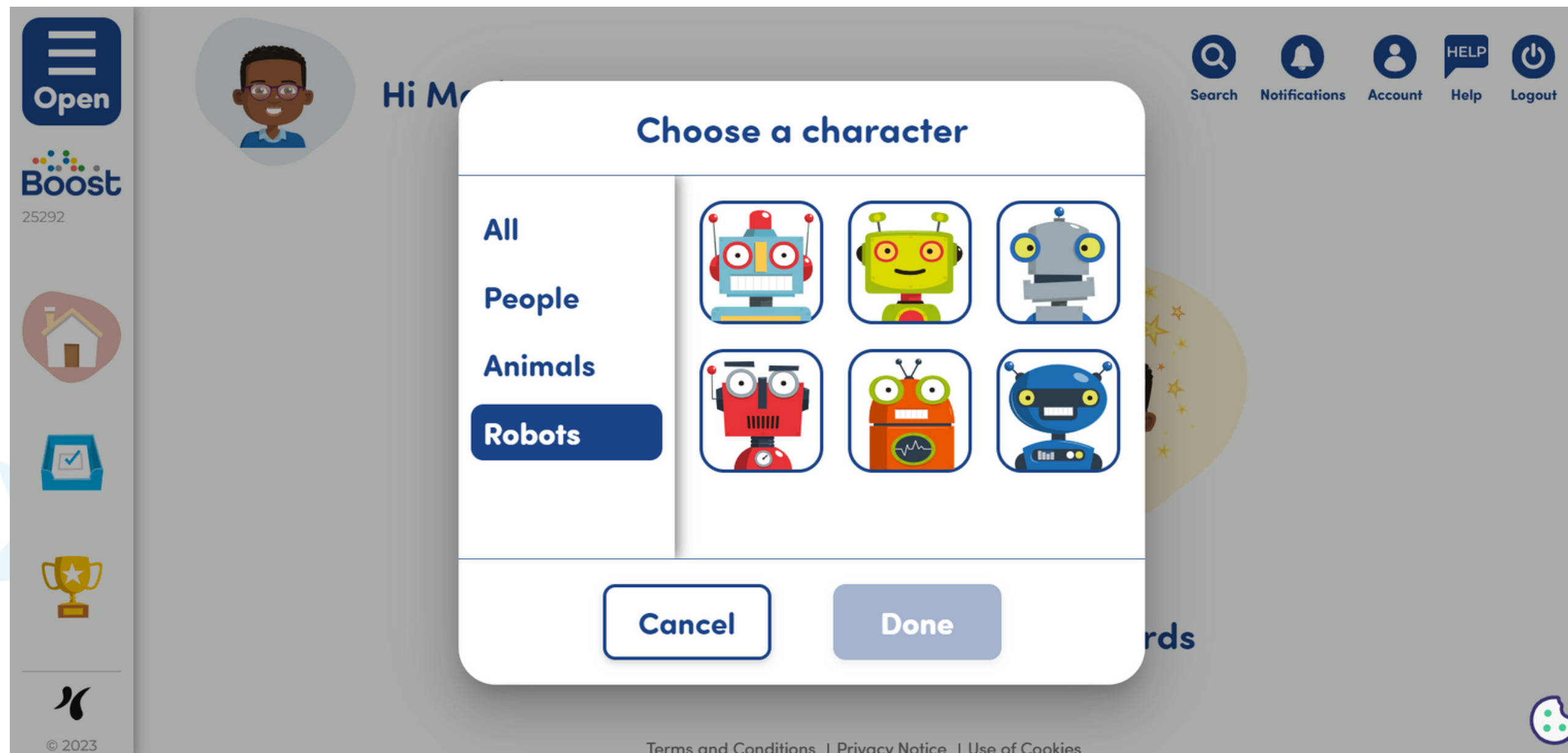
**My Tasks:** This takes you to the tasks that have been allocated to your child i.e. Rocket Phonics eBooks.

**My Rewards:** This takes you to any rewards your child has earned through completing the in-book Knowledge Tests.

# HOW TO CHANGE A CHARACTER

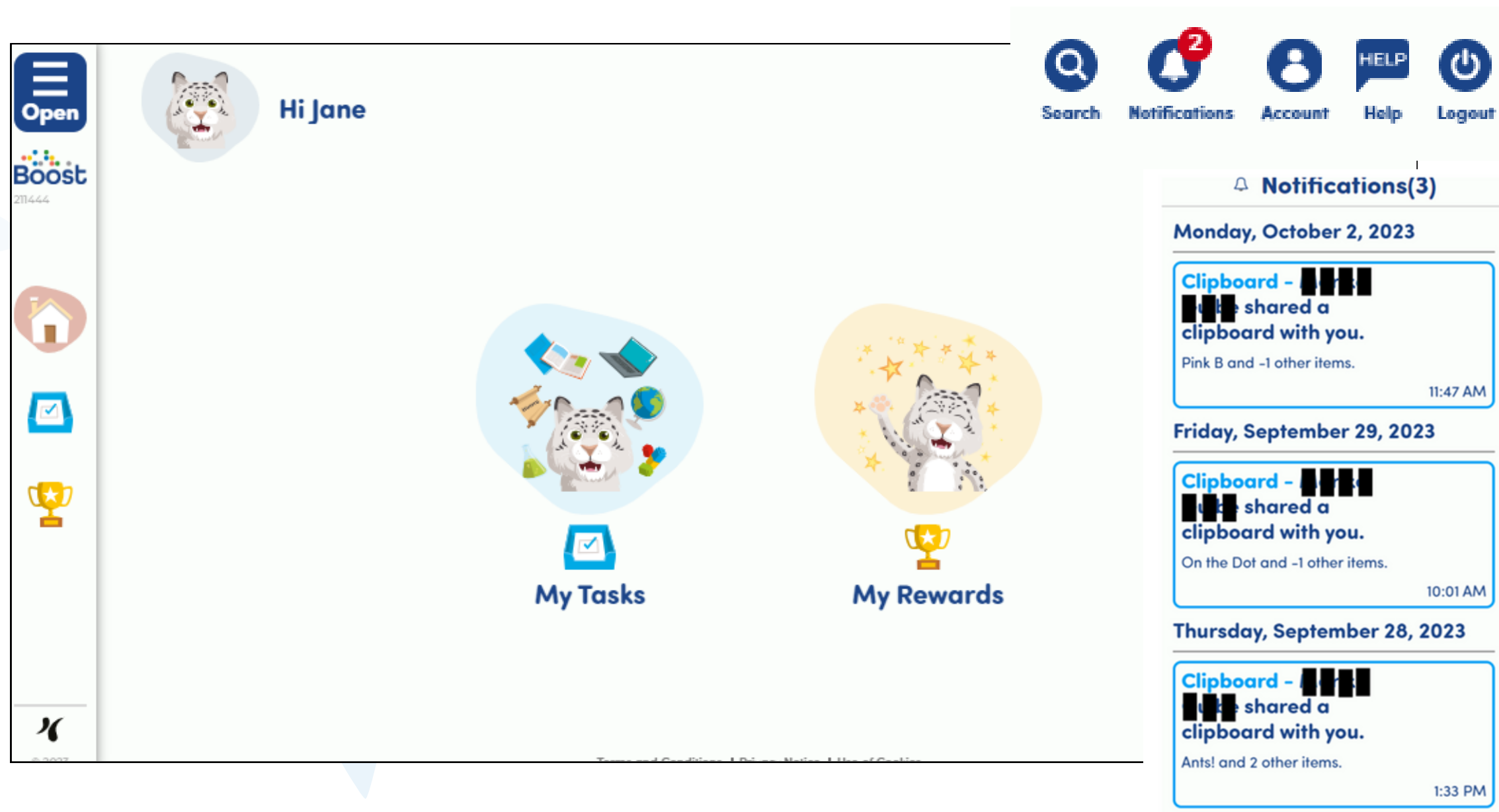


Click on the character where it says 'Hi [name]'. You will get a pop-up menu with all available characters. You can view them all or filter by people, animals or robots. Click on 'Cancel' if you change your mind and want to keep the existing character, or click on 'Done' to confirm your choice.



# LEARNER NOTIFICATIONS

Your notifications can be accessed by clicking on Notifications in the top right-hand corner. If you have unread notifications, the number of notifications will appear in a red circle:



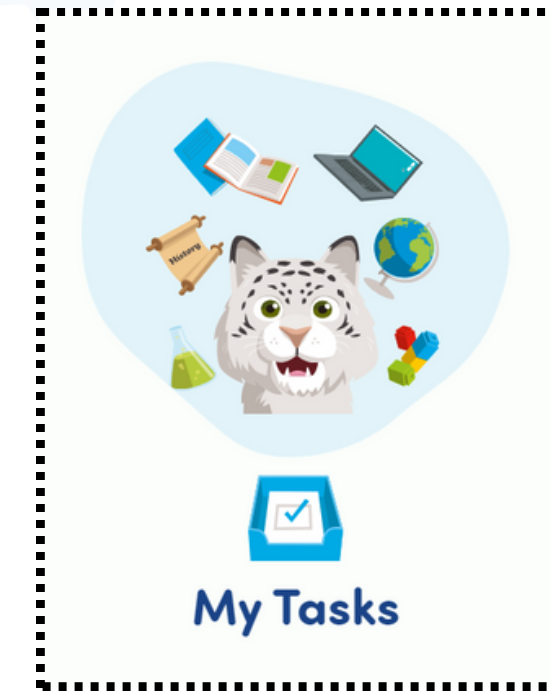
The notifications include when a teacher has assigned something to you. If there's a due date listed, it will appear here, as well in your 'Subjects/My Work' section.

You'll also receive a notification on the day an item is due, if you haven't already submitted it.

# HOW TO ACCESS YOUR TASKS

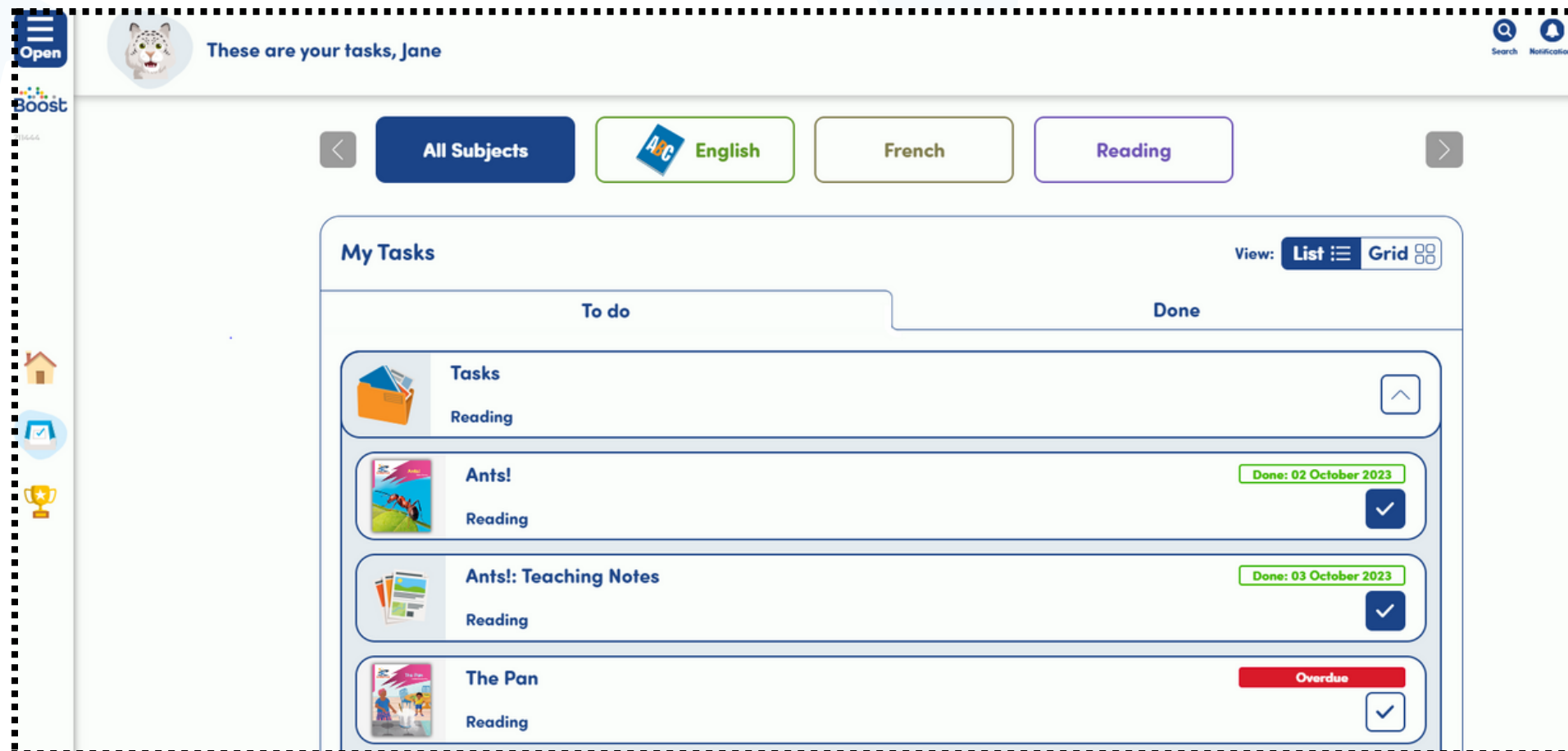
You can access the eBooks that have been allocated to your child by selecting 'My Tasks' either on the main dashboard or the sidebar. This takes you to the Tasks dashboard.

If your child's school is subscribed to multiple Boost courses you may need to filter tasks by subject - for example for Rocket Phonics you would filter by 'Reading'.



The 'My Tasks' section is organised in 'To do' and 'Done'. Once Knowledge Tests are completed, or Rocket Phonics eBooks are finished, the tasks will automatically move to 'Done', for other tasks you need to check 'Mark as done'.

When tasks have been shared as a group of tasks, they will all need to be completed before moving to 'Done' (even though 'Done' will appear with a date next to the individual task/resource).



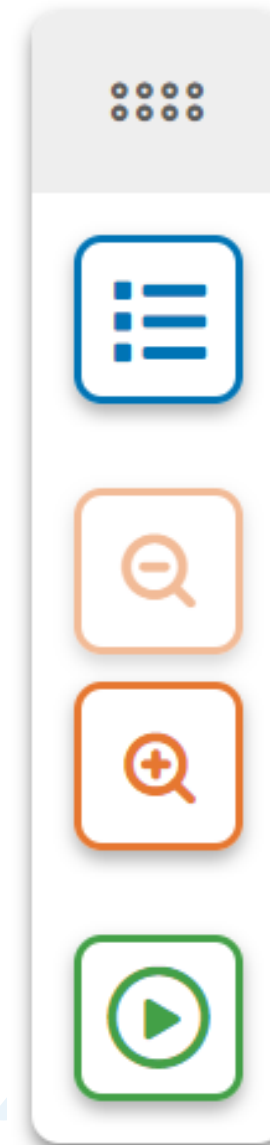
# NAVIGATING A ROCKET PHONICS EBOOK

Once you have clicked on the allocated eBook from the task area it will open full screen. You can navigate through the eBook by using the sidebar or buttons on the bottom of the page.



Go backwards

Go forwards



Sidebar navigation options are:

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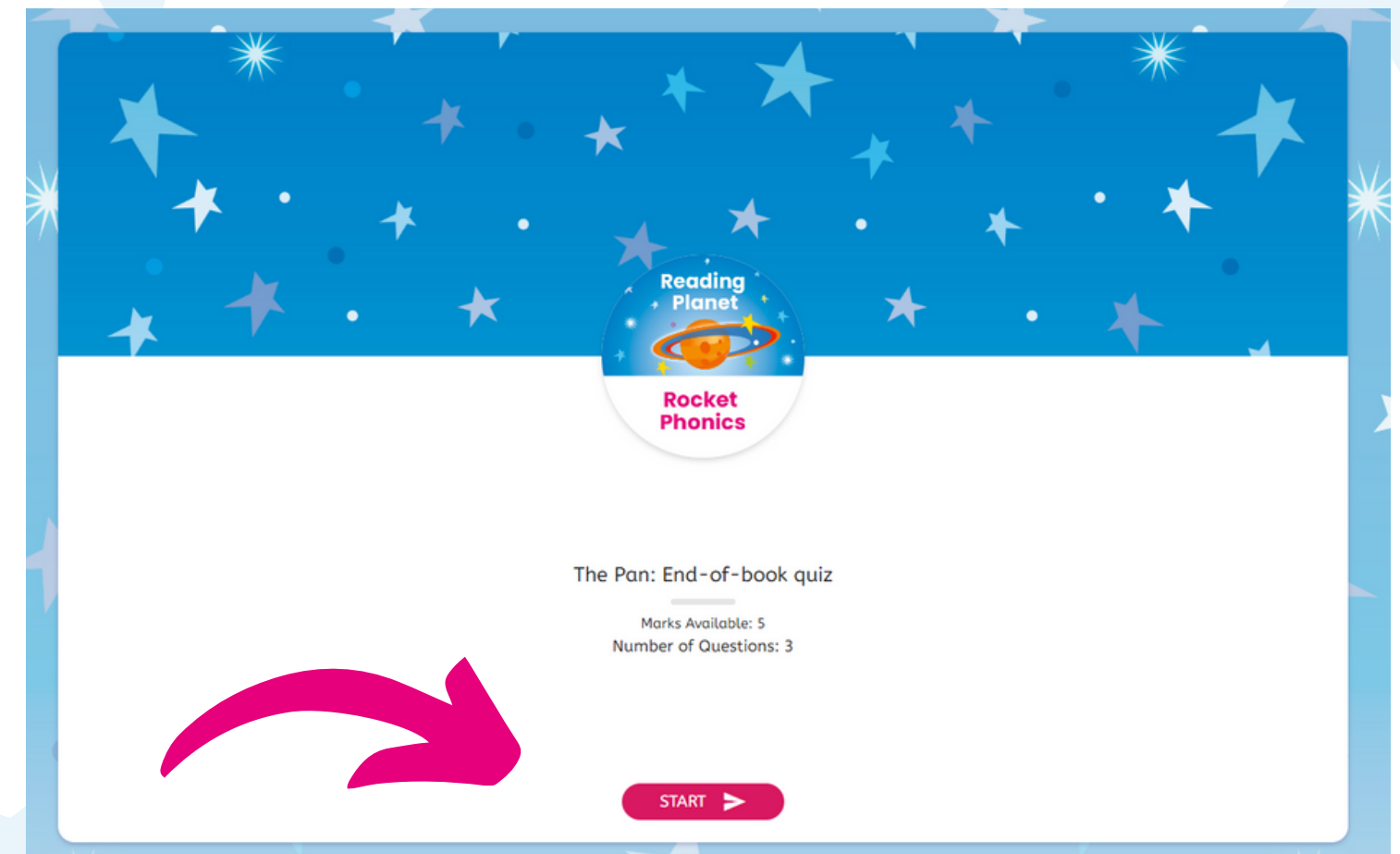
# COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Each eBook has one or more 'checkpoint' Knowledge Tests that appear at intervals throughout the book. These checkpoint tests are designed to check childrens' understanding of the text up until that point. At the end of each eBook you will find the 'end-of-book' Knowledge Test that checks childrens' overall understanding of the text.

All Knowledge Tests are indicated by the green animated question mark icon:



Press on the icon to launch the Knowledge Test.



Press START to begin.

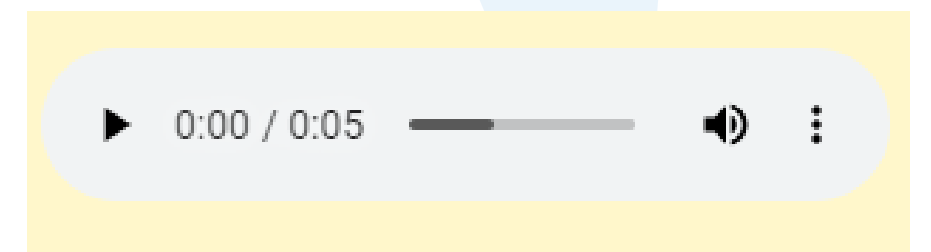


# COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Navigate the test using the BACK and NEXT buttons, or you can press on the question numbers.

The screenshot shows a digital quiz interface. At the top, it says 'The Pan: End-of-book quiz' with '3 Questions' and 'Online' status. On the left, there are three question number buttons (1, 2, 3), with button 1 highlighted and a pink arrow pointing to it. The main area is split: the left side features a video player with a scene of a boy pouring from a tin into a pan on a stove, with a pink arrow pointing to the video; the right side contains a question: 'Click the word that means *'pours'*.' Below the question is a text input box containing the sentence 'Pat tips the tin into the pan.' At the bottom, there are 'BACK' and 'NEXT' buttons. In the bottom left corner, there is an 'EXIT ACTIVITY' button and the version number 'v1.0.0'.

As an additional support, Knowledge Tests up to band Orange have the instruction lines recorded and can be played to help children answer each question.



# COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

Complete each test by answering the question and pressing NEXT to submit your answer. A yellow bar will appear across the top of the text to show your progress.

The screenshot shows a quiz interface with a blue header bar containing a menu icon, the title 'My Arctic Blog: End-of-book quiz', and '7 Questions | Online'. A progress bar is visible below the header. On the left, there are seven numbered question buttons (1-7), with button 7 highlighted in pink. The main content area is yellow and contains question 7: 'Click true or false for each sentence.' Below the question is a table with two columns: 'True' and 'False'. The table contains three rows of text with corresponding radio buttons for each column.

	True	False
To be called an iceberg, a piece of stone has to stick out of the water.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most of an iceberg is below the water, so ships have to sail carefully when they are near them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The long, pointy tusk on	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

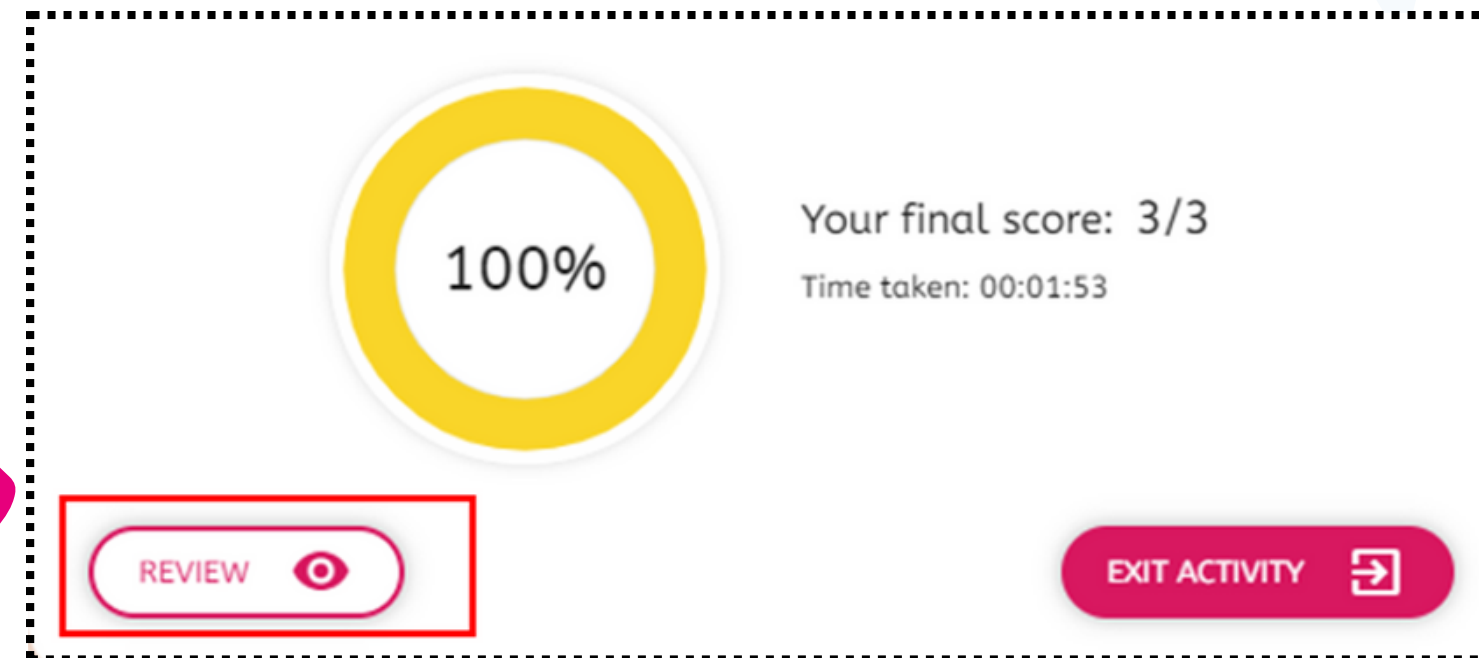
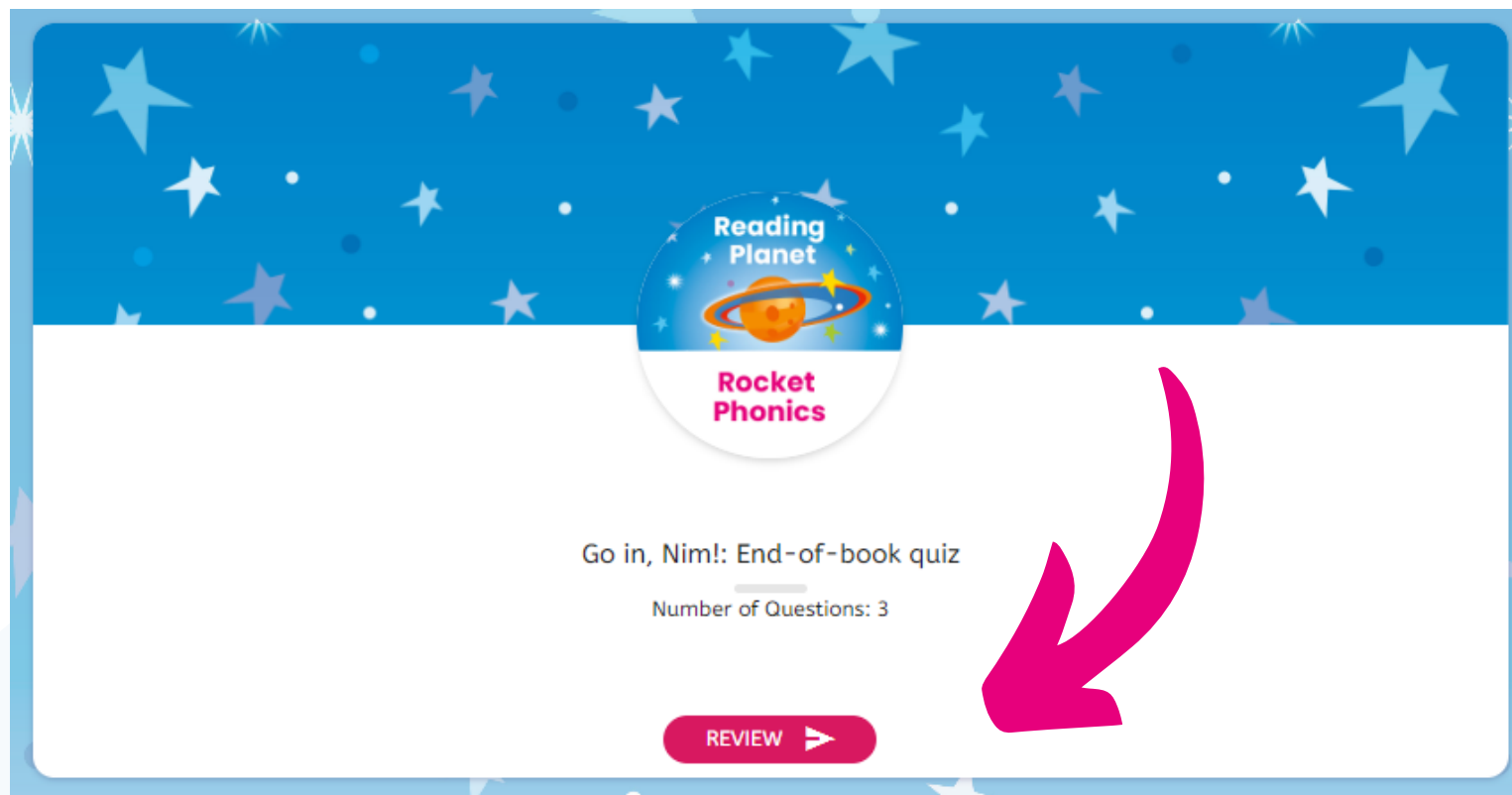
At the bottom of the screen, there are buttons for 'EXIT ACTIVITY', 'BACK', 'FINISH' (with a flag icon), and 'Details'. A pink arrow points to the 'FINISH' button. In the top right corner of the quiz area, it says '86% (6/7)', 'Marks Available: 4', and 'Not attempted'.

Once all questions have been answered, press FINISH and your score will appear on the screen.



# COMPLETING KNOWLEDGE TESTS

If you want to check your previous answers to any of the completed Knowledge Tests, find the book and the test. Click on the icon bubble again and select 'Review'.



If you want to see your answers in detail, select 'Review'.

Exit the activity and your score will be saved.

# KNOWLEDGE TEST QUESTION TYPES

The Knowledge Tests in Rocket Phonics Online consist of the following main question types:

**Multiple choice** – click the circle next to the correct answer.

- 1. Kind because it had lots of nests.
- 2. Kind because it sang a song to help the parrot sleep.
- 3. Unkind because it was thin.

**Connecting/sequencing** - click on an item in the left column and then click on the associated item in the right column to connect them.

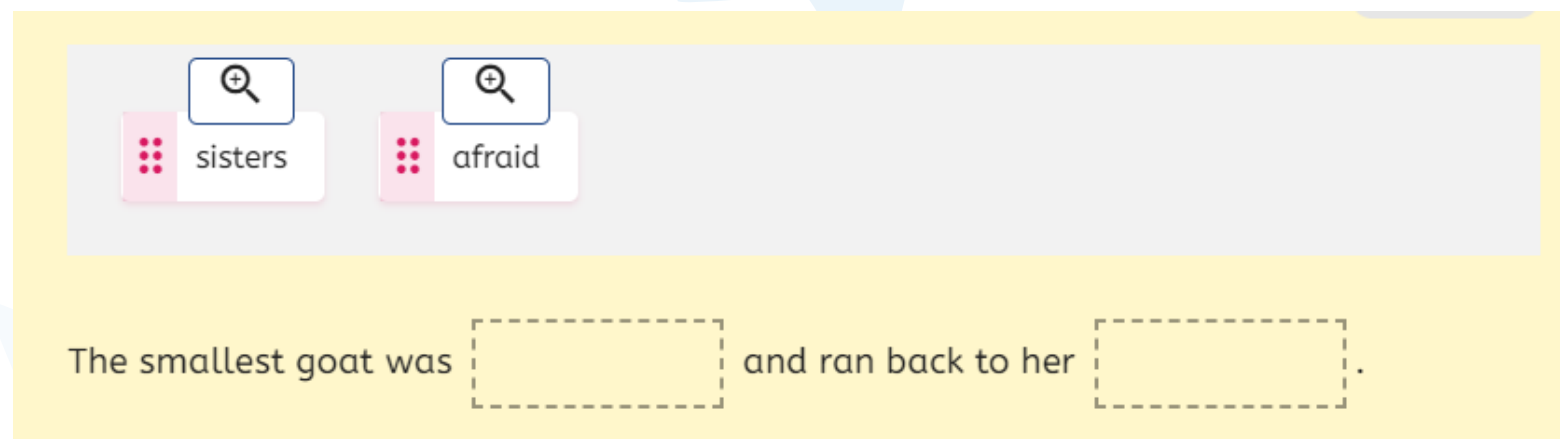
the thin tree	●	●	the parrots' favourite tree
the big tree	●	●	the rooks' favourite tree

**Sorting** - sort the list of tiles into the correct order. Click on a tile and hold the button, drag it into the correct place, then release the button.

☰ The parrot got lost.	🔍
☰ The rook did not let the parrot sleep in the big tree.	🔍
☰ The parrot sang a song to thank the thin tree.	🔍
☰ The thin tree protected the parrot from the rain.	🔍

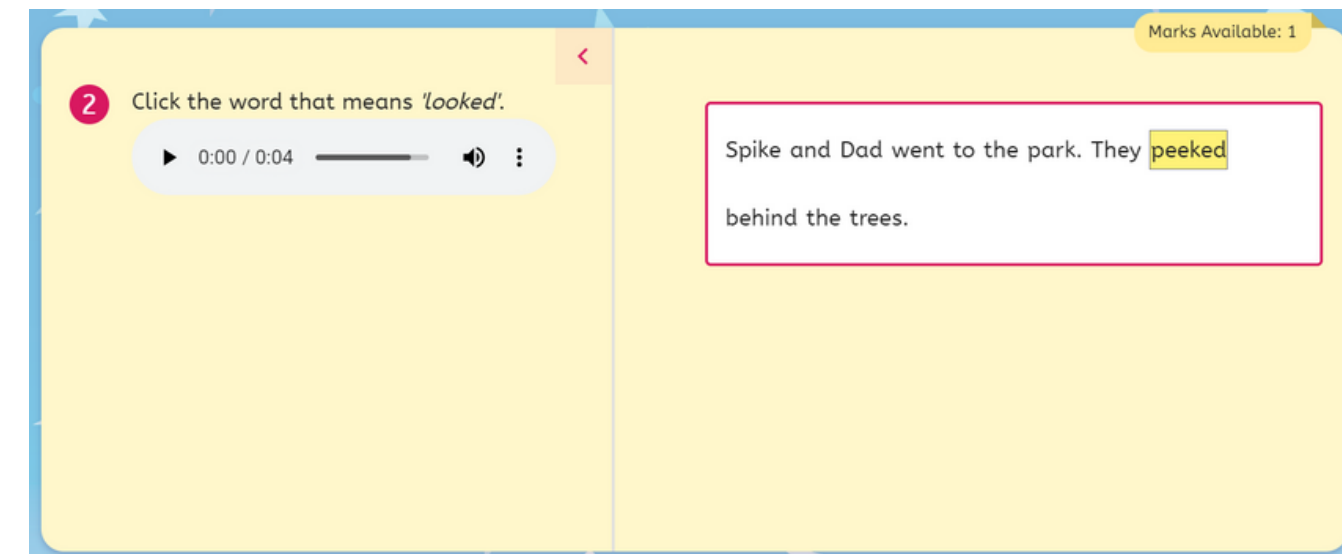
# KNOWLEDGE TEST QUESTION TYPES CONTINUED

Fill in the gaps – click on a word and then click on the correct gap to place the word there.



The screenshot shows a digital interface for a fill-in-the-gaps question. At the top, there are two word cards: 'sisters' and 'afraid', each with a magnifying glass icon. Below the cards, the text reads: 'The smallest goat was [ ] and ran back to her [ ]'. The gaps are represented by dashed-line boxes.

Highlight the right word – click the word to highlight and click again to un-highlight. On an iPad, hold your finger down to highlight a single word and drag to highlight multiple words.



The screenshot shows a digital interface for a word-highlighting question. On the left, there is a video player with a play button, a progress bar showing '0:00 / 0:04', and a volume icon. The question text says: 'Click the word that means 'looked''. On the right, there is a text box with the sentence: 'Spike and Dad went to the park. They peeked behind the trees.' The word 'peeked' is highlighted in yellow. In the top right corner, it says 'Marks Available: 1'.

Complete the grid – click on the circles next to the correct answers in the grid.

	True	False
The monster paddled over to them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was moaning and groaning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It tried to catch them with its slippery hands.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# RESULTS AND REWARDS

For each end-of-book Knowledge Test your child completes, your child will receive a bronze, silver or gold star, based on the proportion of correct answers your child scores. These rewards can be viewed in the 'My rewards' section of the pupil dashboard.



**My Rewards**

## 3 Marks

Bronze: 0–36%

Silver: 37–72%

Gold: 73–100%

## 4 Marks

Bronze: 0–50%

Silver: 51–78%

Gold: 79–100%

## 5+ Marks

Bronze: 0–59%

Silver: 60–79%

Gold: 80–100%



Gold



Silver



Bronze

[Filter by Course >](#)

Your teacher will be able to see all your child's results via their teacher dashboard.

# FAQS

Where do I find my child's log-in details?

Your child's school will provide the log-in details for you. Due to GDPR, we (Hodder Education) are unable to provide these for you.

Can I choose eBooks for my child to read?

Your school will assign the eBooks for your child. Depending on your school's approach and/or your child's reading level, the eBooks will be assigned in different ways. For example, your school may assign all the eBooks for a specific colour band for you to choose from.

Is Rocket Phonics Online available on an app?

Rocket Phonics Online can only currently be accessed via a browser on the Boost [website](#).

Which devices can I use to access Rocket Phonics Online?

You can access Rocket Phonics Online via a desktop computer, mobile, laptop or iPad.

Can I buy a subscription to Rocket Phonics Online?

Rocket Phonics Online is a school-led resource and can only be purchased via schools or educational institutions.

For further support please speak with your child's school.





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