

Dear Parents/Carers,

We recognise that reading stimulates childrens' imaginations and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. With this in mind, we have purchased new Reading Record Books for each child in the school. This week, your child will come home with their new Reading Record Books and a levelled reading book each week.

The Reading Records have lined pages where you will be able to record the title of the book and the page number that they have read to, a place to record who the child has read with on that date and a comments section. In this section, you can record anything that you have noted about your child's reading. This does not need to be completed for every session that you read with your child, but you should be making a comment at least once a week. The class teacher will acknowledge your child's efforts with a brief comment and a sticker once a week also.

Your child's class teacher will notify you of which days books will be changed. We ask that you ensure that the Reading Record Book is in school with your child each day.

Please note that if children do not bring back their reading books, they will not be issued with a new one until it has been returned. Failure to return any books will result in a £5 fine so that we are able to replenish the lost stock. A letter will be sent home and the £5 will need to be paid to the office before a new book will be re-issued.

Reading books ensures that your child is exposed to vocabulary on different topics, which means they hear words or phrases which they may not hear otherwise in their day to day lives. The more words they know, the better. For children who speak more than one language, reading is an easy way to help their language skills and is important to develop their fluency. It is important to set aside some time for reading each night. Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer/mobile phone and enjoy a book together.

Happy reading!

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