



17th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Books (Reception)

This week your child will receive their reading book and a reading record. They will be allocated a specific day on which they will read with an adult and their book will be changed. Attached is a list of the book change days for your class.

Reading at home with your child for ten minutes a day is vitally important. Here are school expectations on reading at home:

- The book sent home is to be read through at least twice. The whole book doesn't need to be read in one go and should be alternated with other books. We would advise that you look through the book and pictures first, tell the story just from the pictures and then read it with your child. Whilst doing this, it would be helpful to be sitting at a table and to encourage your child to follow the text with their finger.
- You should then sign in your child's reading record to say it has been read and you can leave a comment if you wish. The book should then be in your child's bag with the diary ready for their book change day. Children have a book change day and books can't be changed on different days, due to time restrictions.
- If a book is lost, then there is a charge of £5 for a replacement.

The way the school links with the books being read at home is as follows:

- When the teacher is reading with your child, they do a quick recap on the old book, question content of the story and look through the pictures. They then read a few pages of the new book with the child on their book change day to highlight anything that may be tricky for them, so that at home they already know how to deal with it.
- When a child doesn't have their book with them, the teachers still read but this book doesn't then go home. You can therefore see how the system described above then doesn't work as effectively in terms of supporting your child's progress.

All the diaries have the book change day written in them and we have attached a book changing day to this letter too. We have also attached a sheet with Reading Tips for you to use at home.

Thank you for supporting this system and we are looking forward to a cohesive approach going forward with our reading books and expectations. If you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher.

Kind regards,

Laura Tracanna, Sophie Roberts & Natalie Turton
Reception Teachers



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