



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are all aware, it is of the utmost importance that children are confident, fluent readers. Inevitably, fluent readers will learn more, so we want to ensure that all children can enjoy a range of books that develop their vocabulary, language comprehension and love of reading.

With this in mind, I am writing to remind you of our expectations for children reading at home. We ask that you record what your child has read to you each evening, in their blue home-school books. From now on, this will be checked and signed by your child's teacher every Friday so that we can monitor how often they are reading at home. If there is no record of what has been read, then we cannot give your child a new book to take home with them. Your child's teacher will only write in the home-school book when your child is moving up book bands, or if they are responding to a note that you have written to them. However, please be aware that if you have written a note, it will not be read until Friday, unless it is given directly to the teacher by your child.

If your child is a 'free reader' and therefore not allocated banded books, we would still like to know what, and how often, they are reading. Regular reading, both independently and aloud to an adult, is still imperative for 'free readers' to develop their reading skills. We are happy for your child to record this themselves in their home-school books though, as long as it is signed by a parent/carer ready to be checked on a Friday. If your child's home-school book has been mislaid since being allocated one, you can purchase a new one from the school office for £1.

Ultimately, we want children to foster a love of reading, and so you may have noticed that your child has brought home an additional book that they have selected themselves from their classroom's book corner, in addition to their banded book. This may be easier, or more difficult, than the banded level that they are on, but we don't want to discourage them from choosing a book that they have taken an interest in. Please read this with them and try to enjoy books together. Lots of these books have been bought by teachers, so please look after them, and when they have been returned, they can choose another, if they so wish.

Happy reading and thank you for your support.

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