



Reading and Homework Information

Thursday 2nd September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Books

We appreciate your support in helping your child with reading at home. Please can you encourage them to read their reading book or complete Reading Eggs.



Reception and KS1

This year we have changed our book banding system to become more in line with our teaching of phonics. Previously our books have been arranged in a coloured coded system and children move through the bands after completing a simple reading test. This year children will have a reading book that is more closely matched to the sounds they have been learning in their phonics lessons. We will be assessing children's knowledge of the sounds and then moving them onto a new book when we feel they are secure. Please continue to read regularly with your child and make notes in their reading diary so we can track their progress. Alongside their reading books, we will be sending home a 'Read Together' book with your child. The 'Read Together' books are for you to read to your children but there may be some words or sounds in these books that are familiar to them.

KS2

Children will be still on the levelled book banding system from previous years unless they still need to develop their phonics knowledge. It is not a race to move through the book bands. Children may be able to read all the words in a book but they need to also understand what they have read. Children are not considered to be a good reader based on their book band. Teachers look at children's understanding of a text through getting children to retell a text and asking questions about it.

Homework



For the first half term homework will be set on the exciting online programme Reading Eggs.

Children all have a log in and password (attached at the bottom of this letter) and have used this before. Homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. The first Homework will be set on Friday 3rd September due on Wednesday 8th September and will be weekly thereafter.

If you would like any further support with helping your child with their reading then please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.





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