

Reading Newsletter

Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4

Parent Updates



The **MORE** that you
READ, the **more** things
you will **know**.
The **MORE** **KNOW**.
Learn, the **more** places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss

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Home & School Working in Partnership

- We are having a focus on 'Reading and building fluency' across Year 3 and 4 at the moment and would love to improve the way in which we work with parents and family members with regards to supporting pupils with their Reading
- Each half term Mrs Elmer as our Reading Lead assesses any child not on track for Reading by completing an assessment (Star Reader) to monitor their progress and we plan on sharing this information with our parents in LKS2 after each assessment point via a **Reading Progress Slip** (*like we do for HoWLs and Attendance*)
- These progress slips for Reading will share your child's **reading age** and whether they are on track for their age (or not). If your child is not yet on track for their age, it will share, how many months behind they are. If your child is not on-track, you don't need to panic, we are going to invite parents in to have a chat about this and what we can do both in school and at home to get them 'on-track'.



Reading Meeting's with Crew Leader

- If your child is not on-track, your child's Crew Leader will be inviting you in for an informal meeting/chat to discuss 'what school are doing' and discuss how you can support your child at home.
- If your child is not yet on-track, these meetings will become a half termly occasion, so that we can review your child's progress since the last meeting and celebrate with you their successes.
- Your child's crew leader will make contact with you via a phone call and ask you when a convenient time would be for you to come into school.



Reading at Home

- We can't build a school of lifelong readers alone; our approach is systematic and requires a combination of reaching across home, school, our partnerships and the community. Therefore, the way in which both school and home work together is fundamental in ensuring that our children are able to read texts that are age related, and as a result are able to access texts linked to the wider curriculum such as History and Science, which coincides with our Expeditionary learning.
- In the Spring Term we would like to launch our 'Reading at home' programme which we have currently re-launched in KS1. This programme will further support pupils in becoming fluent and confident readers, as well as allowing them to gain a deeper understanding of a range of topics. Children will be provided with a book bag and a reading log to keep and will then be issued with a book regularly to read at home.
- After Christmas, we would also like to invite you as parents/carers into school more regularly during our 'Academic' crew sessions to read with your child/ren to generate that enthusiasm for reading as well as allowing the children to share their love for reading with you.



What reading at home should look like...

- Children will be regularly bringing a book home to read with an adult. The adult will be expected to listen and if appropriate ask children questions about what they have read. This could be as simple as what colour was Fred's hat? What was your favourite part? Or more challenging such as, what language did the author use to inform you that Sarah was upset?
- Once the child has read, the adult will need to complete the Reading Log book so that staff in school know what the child has read at home and how well they completed the reading. Once there is evidence that your child has completed the book given then they will be able to select another.
- Per crew, children will be rewarded if they have read at least 4 times a week.



Looking after our School Property

- Like everyone, school's are facing real challenges in terms of the funding coming into school, due to the economic crisis we are facing at the moment.
- In School, we are working with our children to ensure that they take responsibility for their resources as we are unable to replace things as frequently as we used to; we call this Stewardship and being Stewards for our environment.
- Therefore, we ask that children and families look after anything brought home including their reading book, reading log book and book bag.
- Please could we ask that books are kept out of the reach of young children and pets and that the book bag is stored somewhere safe when it is brought home, so that it does not become damaged.
- Unfortunately, if school property is damaged, we will ask parents to pay a replacement fee, so that we can replace the book/bag which has been lost or damaged.



Replacement Fees

- We have outlined below the replacement fees we will be asking parents to pay if lost/damaged:
 - Reading Book £5.00
 - Reading Log Book £2.00
 - Reading Bag £2.00
- We do understand that on occasions accidents happen, but we would still request that a payment is paid to replace the item, so that the children do not miss out.
- Please ensure that your child's book bag is in school every day- thank you.



Appreciation

- Thank you in advance for your support in supporting your child to be the best they can be in their Reading.

Thanks
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

