

Dear Parents/Carers

KS1 - Reading at Woodnewton a learning community

As we continue to promote a love of reading at Woodnewton and strive to better our practice there are some changes to 'Reading at Home' that we would like to share with you.

Reading at home throughout the week

So that your child has the chance to read at home every day, we are extending the hand in day for Reading Pouches to be returned. Please make sure they are now back in school every **Thursday** so that your child can take a new book home on Friday, as usual.

Please remember that it is important to re-read books as familiarity helps children to recall words and phrases extending their vocabulary and allows them to think about the ideas in the book and notice something they may have previously missed. In addition, a recognisable text will also increase their accuracy and pace.

Reading Rambles

Moving forward the small orange book that we call the 'Reading Ramble' will no longer be signed by the adults in school. This will now just be used for recording when your child has read at home – please add comments and a signature each time your child reads. They can read to anyone, parents, carers, siblings, grandparents, even a pet! Please continue to read at every opportunity and bring the pouches back to school so that the teachers can celebrate the reading children have completed at home.

Please be assured that teachers will also keep a record of your child's reading within school.

Our promise to your child is that we will give them regular opportunities to read in school- small group reading with an adult at least twice a week in FS2 and KS1, one to one every other week in KS2, whole class reading and partner reading across the curriculum as well as Reading Skills lessons.

Reading for Pleasure books

As a school, we have invested in even more new books, including a selection of books celebrating diversity, poetry, non-fiction, and fiction books. When these arrive in school, your child will be able to choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book to take home alongside their levelled reading book. Please note that the difference between the two books is:

-The levelled reading book will have been read by your child at school and has been chosen carefully by your child's teacher to match their current reading age and for FS2 and KS1, will contain the sounds that are being taught in phonics lessons.

-The reading for pleasure book will have been chosen by your child for fun. This means that your child may not necessarily be able to read the text but could be read to by a family member or friend. It may just be flicked through for enjoyment to just look at the pictures, perhaps even reading it in their own words.

Please make sure that all books are returned on Thursdays and are treated respectfully.

If you have any questions about the changes, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support with Reading at Woodnewton a learning community.

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