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Dear Parents/Carers

KS2 - 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

Up until now in **KS2**, children have been bringing their reading wallets home on Friday and returning them each Monday morning. Going forward, your child will now bring their reading wallet home at the end of the school day on **Monday** so that they have more opportunity to read at home, returning it to school the following **Monday** morning.

Please remember that it is important to re-read books. 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

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. It is really important that these are returned to school inside the reading wallet so that the teachers can celebrate and reward the reading children have completed at home. Please be assured that your child's teacher will keep a separate record of their reading within school. Our promise to your child is that we will give them regular opportunities to read in school through daily 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 matches their current reading ability.

-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 this could be read to them 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 to school each Monday 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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