

24th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: KS2 – Home reading changes 2019

As part of our on-going role to further develop the 'Love for Reading,' we are making small, but valuable changes to the KS2 home reading routines. Before now, children have chosen a colour banded book, matched to their level to enjoy reading at home; however, in order to promote choice and encourage personal reading preferences, we have decided that all children will select a book from the library, which will become their home reading book.

Any child that is currently reading below a lime banded book in school, will be asked to take a colour banded book as well as a library book, so that they can continue working on their fluency and decoding skills. This will encourage these children to make their own book choices but will also ensure that they are reading a book at a level that will allow them to further develop their reading skills.

To encourage the children to read more at home, we have organised access to the library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes for those children who wish to change their book more regularly. There will be a Year 3 & 4 daily sign-up sheet, allowing the children to opportunity to choose another book to bring home.

As ever, we appreciate your support in this matter. Please continue to encourage your child to read daily at home. Although we will be supplying them with a variety of books from school, the children can read from a wider variety of sources at home such as; magazines, comics, newspapers and online e-books. In order to track their home reading, it is vital that the children are filling in their home readers. Please be aware that this no longer needs to be done by an adult (but please do so if you wish).

It is important that the children respect and look after the library and home reading books that they bring home to enjoy. As a growing school, having fully stocked shelves in the library is very important. Making sure your child returns their books in the same condition as they found them, would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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