

Year One Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Year 1, children will bring home a reading book to share with an adult at home and a yellow reading record book for the adult to sign to say that the book has been read. This is also a place to write any comments if you would like to. Your child will also read in school with an adult at least twice each week from a separate library of books. This is in addition to our reading work in phonics, spelling and literacy lessons.

Organisation of Home Reading Books:

- Books to be brought to school every **Monday** (or Tuesday if there's a training day or bank holiday that week). Your child will place their book in the signposted area within the classroom - we will show them but it is their job - we will not go through their bags for them!
- Books will be changed in school and a new book will come home on **Tuesday** to be read in full that night or Wednesday night. If there's a training day or bank holiday on the Monday, we may need to send the books home a day later. Please read the book a few times as repetition is the best strategy to build up fluency and vocabulary; books in Year 1 typically aren't long! Then please sign your child's yellow reading record book - you can write comments but you don't need to if it isn't necessary.
- We will check that the children have read and that books have been signed by an adult before updating our records. We will read your comments and respond to them where appropriate but will not typically write much in these books as we will be writing in school-based reading record books.
- Books to be brought to school on **Thursday** and the above process will repeat.
- Books will come home on **Friday** to be read over the weekend.

Important Points to Note:

- Unsigned books will not be changed as we will assume they haven't been read. We will send home the same book again.
- Please try to read the whole book with your child; we won't finish it at school as our school books will be kept separate from home books.

The table on the back of this letter should clear the schedule up for you. Please try to bring books in on the right days so it works as seamlessly as possible.

	<u>Monday</u>	Tuesday	Wednesday	<u>Thursday</u>	Friday
Home Reading	Bring reading book to school inside plastic wallet.	Books changed and sent home. Time to read at home.	Additional time to read at home.	Bring reading book to school inside plastic wallet.	Books changed and sent home. Time to read at home over the weekend.
School Reading	Children will read at least twice a week from a separate library of reading books 1-1 with a school adult. Confident readers may read in a pair or small group together with a school adult as the year progresses.				

How Can I Help My Child Read At Home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise!
- If they are struggling to decode a word, encourage them to say each sound, 'sound it out' rather than having a guess.
- Blend the sounds, e.g. s+h= sh, sh+o= sho, sho+p= shop.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.
- When they can read the text fluently, ask deeper questions, such as how characters may be feeling and why, or making predictions based on what has happened so far.

Thank you for your continuing support.

The Year One Team