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Changes to reading during this academic year

Dear Parents and Carers,

The way we send home and change children's reading books will change this year. This is because 72 hours is required between a book being returned to school and it being sent to another household and is just one of the measures put in place to keep us all safe.

The school is split into four main phases: Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. Each phase may operate slightly differently. This letter will outline how books will be sent home and returned within each phase of the school. There is also (in separate documents) some advice for adults and questions you could ask, which are useful when reading with your child.

EYFS

Library books will be sent home each Friday and will need to be returned to school on the following Tuesday.

Reception - When the children are ready for a reading scheme book, they will be sent home on the same day as the library book. Please be aware that Reception reading scheme books will not be sent out until the children are ready for them.

Key Stage 1

Reading books will be sent home each Friday and returned to school on the following Tuesday. Your child will arrive home with a scheme book or a title from our book corner. Their reading scheme (colour) book will be pitched at their assessed level. They should be able to read the book confidently so that they are able to develop key comprehension skills and fluency. Books from our book corner will be of their choosing. In our classrooms we have a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that the children are welcome to borrow from the book corner. These books are for you to share, you may wish to read them to or with your child.

Lower Key Stage 2

Reading books will be sent home each Friday and returned to school on the following Tuesday. The children will be sent home with at least one book. This could be their scheme book (or choice of book if they are a free reader). The scheme book will be pitched at their assessed level and will aim to develop key comprehension skills and fluency. Alternatively, they may take home a classroom book of their choosing. In our classrooms we have a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that the children are welcome to borrow.

Upper Key Stage 2

Due to the size of some of the books children choose to read, more time may be required to finish them. Because of this, pupils will be able to return a book into a class box on any day. These boxes will be changed daily and the teacher will ensure books are given a minimum of 72 hours before they are available for loan by another child.

As much as possible, we are trying to limit the passage of paperwork between home and school. For children in KS1 and Lower Key Stage 2, a Reading Record book will be sent home with your child's first book. **Please keep the Reading Record book at home** and upload a photo of the page with the name of the book your child has read and any comments onto Tapestry (EYFS) and Seesaw (KS 1 and 2). Please do this by Friday morning each week, so that we know your child has read the book and can be issued with a new one. A record sheet will also be kept in class so we know which books your child has taken home.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher through the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dove and Mrs Browne

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