



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

**RE: Home Reading**

I am contacting you due to some changes taking place with regards to reading at home. At a recent parent's coffee morning, we discussed home reading and the impact of children having to write in their reading diaries 3 times a week. It was agreed that often this could take the fun out of reading, or if you read with your child just before bedtime, the hassle of them writing in the diary was counter intuitive once they were in bed and ready to go to sleep. As a parent myself, I have also recognised these issues and want to ensure our children enjoy reading at home. Therefore, we have made the following changes and wish to clarify some other points.

- We still expect children to read a minimum of 3 times throughout the week. However, we only expect a child to write a comment in their diary once a week and ask that an adult sign or writes a brief comment on the other times that the child reads. A child receives a merit in school if they have read 3 times in the week.
- The comment your child writes does not have to be positive (!) If they don't like the book then say so and it will help the class teacher to ensure they have something better suited to them in the future. We do ask that the comment is written about the book that has been sent home.
- Children do not just need to read the book that is sent home, they can read any other texts – library books, magazines, comics, newspapers, poems or non-fiction texts etc. A comment can be written about these texts if they wish, or just the title and type of text.
- Children should bring their book bag home everyday and this should contain at least their reading diary, a school book (directed by a member of staff) and a library book they have chosen.
- These are the days children change their books (if they have brought the previous one back). Please note these days may occasionally change if a particular event is on.

	<b>Home Reader</b>	<b>Library Book</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	Friday	Monday
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday	Tuesday
<b>Year 4</b>	Thursday	Wednesday
<b>Year 3</b>	Thursday	Friday

- Please speak to the class teacher or year lead if you have any questions regarding this.

Finally, we are currently looking for extra investment in our home reading books and scheme so if you know of anyone, or companies that may be willing to help us with this, we would love to hear from you.

Happy Reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Mr A Murphy,  
Headteacher  
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