



Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below full arrangements for home/school book management and reading homework for this academic year.

KS1 HOME READING SCHEME

In KS1, we will be using 'Read, Write, Inc.'. This new scheme will ensure that your child is reading books that correspond to their 'Read, Write, Inc.' Phonics stage in class. Once your child has completed the 'Read, Write, Inc.' Phonics scheme, they will be benchmarked to provide a reading age and level. At this point, your child will begin to work from 'The Oxford Reading Tree' scheme.

BOOK MANAGEMENT

Whilst your child is working through the 'Read, Write, Inc.' Home Reading books, they will receive two books at a time. One will be a standard reading book and the other will be a paper booklet which includes focus sounds, focus words, a story and a set of questions to be shared with your child. **We ask that you complete the paper booklet verbally with your child and do not write on them.**

In order to allow for suitable quarantine times (in line with current guidance controlling the movement of books from home; to class; to shared school library; and back again) **we will be issuing these books every Thursday.** As we have had to reduce the regularity of sending these, you may find additional books sent home instead of the usual 2 dependent upon type of book; age of child; and stage they're at within the scheme at the teacher's discretion.

To further support this system, **please can all books only be returned on a Friday** (8 days after initial issue not the next day so that your child will always have a scheme book at home) in the same named plastic wallet they have been sent home in. A box will be brought out that your child will need to put these into during morning drop off.

We appreciate that this is far from ideal but in order to adhere to COVID guidelines, this will become our new practice until circumstances change.

READING HOMEWORK

Reading will be one of the main forms of homework for your child. The aim is to work up to (if they don't already do so) reading for 20 minutes a day, 5 times a week. If your child is on the 'Read, Write, Inc.' or 'The Oxford Reading Tree' scheme, this should be incorporated within this reading time though reading books of their choice and being read to should also be included. We understand some children will be more resistant to this so there are a few things you can do to help to establish this routine if it isn't already in place. Please see overleaf for further details.

Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

	James	Travis
reads 20 minutes per night, 5 times per week	reads only 4 minutes per night ...or not at all	
In one week:	100 minutes of reading	20 minutes of reading
In one month:	400 minutes of reading	80 minutes of reading
In one school year (9 months):	3600 minutes of reading	720 minutes of reading
By the end of eighth grade:	28,800 minutes of reading	5760 minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
 Which student would you expect to know more?
 Which student would you expect to write better?
 Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
 Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
 How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?

