



Wednesday 6th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find below information regarding reading across Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1) at Myrtle Park Primary School.

TAKE 10 EVENT: Friday 8th October 2021



Did you know that reading for just 10 minutes a day can improve your wellbeing? In the run up to World Mental Health Day, we're supporting the National Literacy Trust by encouraging our teachers, pupils and families to take part in the #Take10ToRead challenge.

You can join us by reading for 10 minutes at 10 a.m. on Friday 8 October, and by sharing your pictures on social media using the hashtags: #Take10ToRead and #ConnectingStories

KS1 HOME READING SCHEME

In KS1, we will be using 'Read, Write, Inc.'. This 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.** Books will only be changed when the reading record has been signed so we can be sure that you have had enough time with the books. The days where books can be changed are:

Year 1 – Monday

Year 2 – Monday and Thursday

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

reads 20 minutes per night,
5 times per week

Travis

reads only 4 minutes per night
...or not at all

| Time Period | James (20 min/night, 5x/week) | Travis (4 min/night, or not at all) |
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| 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?

