



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reading in Year 2

Our school follows the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. Our reading books from Read Write Inc make sure that your child's reading practice at home matches the phonics they are learning in school. The books are uniquely matched to the phonics programme we use and will help them to make rapid progress in their reading.

How do we decide which book your child has?

The intention of the Read Write Inc scheme is that the reading, both in school and at home, is appropriately challenging but at the level where children are able to read and access their books independently. We will assess the children's reading regularly and this will determine the colour of the book your child receives. If we notice that your child is excelling at the work in class, and/or that they need more challenge, then we may change their book colour.

What happens after Read Write Inc?

For those children who have completed the Read Write Inc scheme (after grey), they will move onto our colour banded reading scheme which begins with gold. At this stage, in order to develop their independence, pupils will be asked to choose their own reading book from their particular book band.

How does reading at home work in Year 2?

Your child will have a Read Write Inc or banded book to read at home. This will either be a fiction or non-fiction book. They will be expected to read it at least twice before it is changed.

First time; focus on sounding out all the words and explaining meanings.

Second time; read again more quickly (with better fluency) and spend time talking about the book (see the front cover/back cover of the book for questions).

Book change days in Year 2 are Tuesdays and Fridays.

Reading Dairy

Please ensure that you record the name of the book and the dates on which the book was read in their Reading Dairy.

Reading for Pleasure

Children will also have the opportunity to choose another book from a range of books which we have in school. We want pupils to be reading and enjoying a wide range; picture books, wordless picture books, poetry, traditional tales, graphic novels, fiction and non-fiction. Whilst their Read Write Inc or banded book will help develop fluent decoding and understanding, it is very important that they have a broad and rich literary diet. You may read their reading for pleasure book to your child if you wish, and we really encourage this, or they may want to read it themselves. Please record this reading in their Reading Dairy too.

Thank you so much for all your hard work with helping your child to read. This is the key to success in learning! Any problems or questions, do let the class teacher know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Lightbody". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'E' being particularly large and stylized.

Emily Lightbody
Acting Headteacher and English Lead