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Rakegate Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Reading at Home

As it is the start of a new academic year, we wanted to clarify with you, the arrangements for reading at home for years 1-6. At Rakegate, we ask that you listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. For children in KS1, you should note the pages you have read with them and make any comments on how they did or difficulties they may have had with particular words or understanding. This is to be completed online via our **Boom Reader app**. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need a log in for this. In KS2, it is important that you also encourage the children to write their own comments, on the pupil section of the app, about what they have read.

KS1 (Years 1-2)

Children will be sent home with a copy of the RWI book that they have been reading in their group that week and an RWI reading book which matches their ability group within phonics. In year 2, once your child has completed the RWI scheme, they will no longer take home a book for this but will be given a Big Cat Collins reading book (colour coded based on their reading age and ability). Once your child has read their books at home with you and this has been logged, children can bring the book back into school and it be given to a member of staff for them to change. We aim to change the books once a week.

KS2 (Years 3-6)

Children will be sent home with a Big Cat Collins Reading book (colour coded based on their reading age and ability). Once they have reached the end of this scheme, they will be a free reader and will choose a book from the class reading corner or a book from home which is appropriate for their age and ability. In KS2, it is the children's responsibility to speak to a member of staff and change their book when they have finished it. This may take longer than a week as the length of the text increases.

Reading is an essential skill for success in the future. We will continue to teach reading skills and develop a love for reading daily however we would like to ask for your support in this. At home, when reading with your child, it would be helpful if you could discuss the text in detail and question them about what they have read. This will help towards improving their understanding. To support you in this, we have attached a copy of questions that you may find useful to ask the children once they have read.

Please take your time with each book and make sure they really understand what they have read. The book your child brings home has been carefully selected to match their reading ability; there is no rush to read the whole book and change it the next day. The book can be read more than once.

If you require further support with reading at home with your child (including use of the reading app), you may find it useful to attend our parents' meetings/workshops we have running this term. They are as follows:

KS1 Parents' Reading Meeting – Tuesday 26th September @9am
KS2 Parents' Reading Meeting – Wednesday 27th September@9am

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any further questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Causer (English Lead)



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