

Reading Books and Diaries

Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here at Morden Primary, reading is at the core of all that we do. It enables your child to access the rest of curriculum and helps to foster their imagination, wider knowledge and a love of the world.

Thank you for helping to support this by reading with your children at home. As part of Home Learning, it is expected that your child is read to at least 5 times a week with an adult or older sibling and has their diary signed. This can be one of the books we send home and/or something they have at home. It is beneficial to expose your child to different texts and literature such as recipe books, magazines, newspaper or an online book.

Your child should receive 2 reading books from school.

- **Pre-Phonics book.** This is the book that deliberately does not have written text so that children are able to develop their language and inference skills. Children should be encouraged to talk about what they can see happening in the pictures and make predictions about what might happen next.
- **A reading for pleasure book which your child has chosen for themselves.** It is important that children find a love of reading for themselves and therefore there is no restriction on this book. Your child will be encouraged to choose a book from our nursery library to take home on Monday and Wednesday. Reading the same story more than once is beneficial for children as it allows them to develop a deeper understanding of characters, settings and how stories are structured. For example, being aware of what happens in the beginning, middle and end of a story. You can read the book your child has chosen together, or a book/magazine from home they have chosen.
- **Story sacks.** Story sacks will be sent home on Fridays for you to enjoy over the weekend. Inside the story sack you will find a story book with a prop/toy that links to your story. Please use the prop whilst reading the story to help bring your story to life and to engage your child during this time.

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All reading books AND your child's reading diary should be in their bookbag EVERYDAY. Please model the importance of taking care of books and returning them to school to your child. This will support your child to develop their own responsibility of their home learning which is an important skill to have for Reception and KS1.

Keeping your child's reading books in their bookbags, also prevents any being lost. Please note that we may charge £5 for a missing book and £2 for a missing reading diary.

Should you have any questions about the books that your child brings home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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