

## Reading Books and Diaries

### Reception and Year 1

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 every child reads at least 5 times a week with an adult or older sibling and has their diary signed. This can be one of their school reading books and/or something they have at home – a book, newspaper, magazine, online book.

Your child should receive 2 reading books from school.

- A Little Wandle Big Cat Phonics book. This is the book they are reading in their lessons and matches their current reading attainment, so that they can embed taught skills. Your child should read this themselves, to you. *Your child will not have this book for the whole week.*
- 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. You may find a more experienced reader choosing a picture book or a less experienced reader choosing a chapter book. You can read this book to your child or together, if they would like.

Both reading books AND your child's reading diary should be in their bookbag EVERYDAY. Even if your child hasn't read it or finished it, it should be in their bookbag – this is to ensure that they can read it at school or read with an adult at school.

Your child's class teacher may have set days for changing books and they will notify you of this, but (with the exception of the Little Wandle book) this should not affect having them in school every day.

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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