

Reading at Winscombe



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

“ The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” *Dr Seuss*

We use books in all areas of our curriculum at Winscombe school and encourage that passion for reading to be taken home with our children. We follow the phonics programme Unlocking Letters and Sounds and new learning will be shared each week with parents in Red Class and Yellow Class. Our early reading books are closely linked to this programme.

Reading at Home

- Children in Years R – 3 will receive two independent books per week, which are to be almost fully decodable. We are expecting the children to read them fluently – they won’t be ‘too easy’ but more fully matched to their ability to enhance their fluency and understanding of decoding. Rereading books helps children to further develop their reading skills, vocabulary and confidence. On the second read you could focus on their intonation and expression, look at how punctuation is used or discuss the vocabulary. Please write these rereads in the reading record as they will contribute to the daily reads
- Children in Years 4-6 will bring home either one or two books depending on reading ability
- All children will also bring home a library book, to read independently or for you to read with them
- We expect the children to read five times a week and for each read to be recorded in their reading diary and **signed by an adult**
- Books will be changed in class time on different days in different year groups
- Books will be changed in Years R-2 based upon assessment by staff and ensuring children have read the book at home
- Children in KS2 are encouraged to tell staff when they need their books changing

Celebrating Reading

- School staff will count the number of individual reads to an adult that a child has done over a week. This will be done on different days depending on when staff change books.
- All reads can be recorded in the reading record and counted as reads but please note that only one read per day will be counted (maximum of 7 a week).
- Each week we celebrate reading in our assembly and certificates and badges are given out.
 - 50 reads - Bronze certificate
 - 100 reads - Silver Certificate
 - 150 reads - Gold badge
 - 200 reads - Platinum badge
 - 300 reads - Tea Party with Mrs Richardson at the end of the Summer Term

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Happy reading

Mrs Pemberton