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Reading in Key Stage One

In Key Stage One, working in partnership with you, our aim is to develop your children into enthusiastic and confident readers.

- In Key Stage One all children will have a reading diary and a colour coded reading book linked to their Phonic Phase.
- At home children are encouraged to read part of their reading scheme book for 5 – 10 minutes to an adult daily.
- The reading diary is for you to write comments on how well your child has read and anything they need support with. The comments you write are really valuable as they help us build a picture of your child's reading development. From Year 2 the children are welcome to make their own comments. We will also write comments for you to read when we hear your child read.
- Class teachers will hear your child read individually on a regular basis. We also hear them in groups and other adults may also hear them read during the week.
- To develop comprehension skills, we may also do whole class reading. By the time children are in Year 2, reading tends to be taught this way three times a week.
- Book bands are shown with the colour on the spine. The colours are used to separate the books into levels based on their Phonic phase. Your child needs to read a number of books in each colour band, enabling them to practise recognising individual graphemes and diagraphs. With the help of your comments, and listening to your child read, we will decide when your child needs to move to the next colour band.
- We will change books once a week; please read the books more than once while you have them. This help to build fluency and understanding of the text.
- Please help your child to remember to bring their book bag in every day even if they have not read at home as this makes it easier for us to read with your child.
- Home reading is recorded in school. The class with the most home reads wins a treat.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you feel you need more support in developing your child's reading or you would like us to go through the reading system personally.

As always, thanks for your ongoing support.