

Dear parents and carers,

Important information about reading at home and reading records/diaries

Thank you for a super start to this academic year. You would be very proud of the work your children have been doing in the classroom just as we have been.

We enjoy sharing a book with each child during the week as it gives us a fantastic insight into the way they think and respond. It also builds a relationship between us and the children especially when something funny crops up! Reading enables your child to access more than just an English lesson.

There is a wealth of research that show that when school and home work together children flourish and become more confident when facing new challenges. This applies to reading. A study by the National Literacy Trust states, *Reading is a great habit. Like all habits, it needs repetition and regularity to establish itself.*

In KS1 part of our homework is to share books regularly at home. Your children have shown us that they are all readers and love to read to us. **Please hear your child read daily.** You do not need to hear the whole book. You may choose to hear a few pages from your child and then share a different book together. Many of our Year 2 children may prefer a book of their choice which can be read on alternate days to their school book.

Please record this in their yellow reading record. KS1 adults will also write in your child's book weekly. Historically, the majority of parents do not write in these books but it does support our knowledge of your children. **A minimum of three reads a week is expected however we strive for five! This sets them in good stead for reading homework as they go through the school.**

If you have any questions about reading please talk to your class teacher at the end of the day.

Thank you again for your support,

The KS1 Team

