



Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

Thursday 23rd September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 1 and/or 2 children,

Reading is a complex skill that, once mastered, opens a world of knowledge and enjoyment.

We work hard at Norwood to get children reading as early as possible but we need your help.

Your child has been provided with a reading record for you to record their daily reading. We ask that you read with your child as often as possible, ideally everyday. It is also important for children to listen to stories as this supports their vocabulary development and enjoyment of stories.

Your child will receive 3 books:

1. A paper copy of the Read Write Inc book that your child will be learning with the following week. This is known as a 'pre-read'. We find that children who read their 'pre-read' before the Monday at school, are more successful and move through the Read, Write Inc groups quicker.
2. A reading scheme book that complements the phonics learned in Read, Write Inc. Please read this book up to 3 times: once as a first read to sound out words, second to build fluency and third to focus on comprehension- can you child answer questions about the story- what/where/how/who/when?
3. A library book for your child to enjoy. Your child might not be able to read this book independently. It is intended for you to share with your child and enjoy together.

When you record your child's reading in the reading record, it is helpful to know which book they read and whether they had any difficulties with specific sounds or punctuation. This will help us to direct support to your child to move their learning on.

To help you to help your child to learn to read, there is further information and video links on our website:

<https://www.norwood-school.co.uk/page/?title=Read+Write+Inc%3A+How+to+help+your+child+to+learn+to+read&pid=521>

If your child reads their book fluently, please support them in building their comprehension and reading with expression. Further information on supporting your child with these skills can be found on our website:

<https://www.norwood-school.co.uk/page/?title=Reading+for+Inference%3A+How+to+help+your+child+to+understand+what+they+read&pid=522>



When your child is ready to change their reading book, please put the book with their reading record into the Book Change Box that is situated outside the classroom door.

Please note: We will prioritise changing books that support your child with learning to read i.e. the Read, Write Inc scheme book/ library book if this is your child's reading stage.

Library books for enjoyment purposes will be changed once per week when the class visit the library.

Thank you for all of the support you give to your children. Let's get them reading!

Yours faithfully

Mrs J. Cockerill
Deputy Headteacher/ English Lead

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Headteacher

