

Reading at Larkfield Primary



Reception and KS1 Home Reading Books

The Department for Education have introduced a reading framework for schools. After careful consideration, we will be making some changes to home reading. There are two ways in which you can help your child to read at home.

1. Read aloud to your child.
2. Daily practise of a decodable book that is closely linked to your child's phonics teaching in school.

The books your child will now bring home will support this.

Read aloud to your child (Library Book)

From **Monday 10th January**, your child will bring home a library book from their class book box. This book should be read aloud to your child. Your child can change this book every day if they choose to. All library books will be collected in on Fridays so that the staff can restock/audit the book boxes. Any books from the class library boxes will have a Larkfield sticker on the front cover. Please add the title of the library book to your child's reading diary. Older children may be able to do this themselves.

Picture Books	You may have read many of the picture books that we have in our class library boxes. Please reread them aloud again to your child as they may have chosen this book as it is one of their favourites. It is important that they become as familiar as possible with a number of books.
Non-Fiction Books	If your child has chosen to bring a non-fiction book home, please discuss the features e.g. sub-heading, glossary, captions etc. You may choose to only read one page from a non-fiction book a day as they can often have lots of information to explore.
Poetry	You may read one poem from the book a day or multiple poems. Your child may have a favourite poem that they ask you to read every day.

Decodable (Dandelion Phonics) Books

From Monday 17th January, your child will also bring home a decodable reading book, which is closely matched to your child's phonics lessons in school. They will have been taught the sound featured in the book, so they should be able to read the book easily. Please do not worry if you think it is too easy. Your child may be able to read all of the words but repeated reading practice is required to enable your children to use the correct spelling for the sounds taught in independent writing. Your child will bring this book home on Monday and the teacher will collect it in on Friday of that week. This book should be reread every day, as it is the repeated reading practice that is important. There are also activities in the back of the book that you may want to complete with your child.

Please not that your child may receive a decodable book that they have already read this year as we transition into the new home reading scheme.

Fluent Readers

Your child's class teacher will be constantly assessing your child's reading ability in class. When they have assessed your child as a fluent reader, your child will also bring home an Accelerated Reader book. This is the reading system that we use through to Y6. Further information will be available on the school website about Accelerated Reader.

Oxford Reading Tree Books

Your child will no longer bring home an Oxford Reading Tree book as part of home reading. They will be used for Y1 children who are accessing Accelerated Reader books as a number of Oxford Reading Tree books are listed in this scheme. The Reading Framework for schools makes it explicit that children should only use decodable books to practise their reading at home until they are fluent readers. They may be used in school for suitable reading activities.

It is expected that you will read at home daily with your child. This may only be for 10 minutes on some days. There are no additional homework requirements for Reception and KS1 at Larkfield to allow you to focus on reading at home.

***If you have any surplus, high quality books at home that you no longer use we would love to use them in our class library boxes. Please give them to your child's class teacher. If you also have any outstanding phonics or Oxford Reading Tree books at home, please send these back to school.**

REQUEST – Please spend some time with your child to talk about how we look after reading books. Your child's class teacher or Miss G will be happy to help with suggestions for reading areas at home if you decide to create a cosy reading area. The children can often be found in their class reading areas curled up with a book and a blanket!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the reading that you have continued to do at home with your children. We appreciate how difficult it can be sometimes to read at home with your child after a long day in school. I am hoping, in the near future, to be able to offer parent sessions to support you further with reading at home. Also, look out for story time on the school website – coming soon!

Thank you
Miss G