

Reading Journals

From years 1 to 6 we are going to replace the traditional Reading Record with a Reading Journal. Those families that previously had children in Key Stage 2 will be familiar with these; however, for those of you that aren't or want a refresher, I wanted to send you some information.

- Reading Journals are to be covered with wrapping paper / wall paper so that children feel proud of them.
- Reading Journals need to be in school every day.
- Reading journal tasks will be done during one guided reading session a week in school and will be set as one homework task per week. Children can, however, complete a reading journal task as often as they want to.
- Inside the reading journals there will be: A page for you / children to record what /when they have read (in the back); a task wall - from here children have a choice of which task they would like to complete - this 'brick' then needs to be coloured in; a race track , which they can colour each time they read, allowing a quick reference to show how often they are reading (please date these); reading surveys; a genre wall so that children and staff can ensure a wide coverage of genres are being read. From time to time there may be additional tasks including Mr Snaith's Reading challenges.
- Children may record, not only school books read, but any other books, articles etc. that they read.

We hope that by offering children more choice of tasks, they will feel keen to read!

It is really important that whatever age your children are they read regularly either to themselves or to others. This could also include reading to a younger sibling. Sharing a book with your child can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Any parents / carers that would be willing to come into school and hear children read, would be gratefully appreciated.

Thanks

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