

Above all, reading should be fun! We hope that you enjoy reading some of our new books with your child.

All children receive house points for reading at home, so remember to sign their home reading record!



# Home Reading in Key Stage 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child brings home a reading book each week. School has invested a lot of money in our home reading books and we would appreciate your help in encouraging the children to look after their book and return it to school each week.

Home reading is an important part of a child's learning. Please help us by reading regularly with your child and supporting home reading.

Parents often wonder how they can help to develop the reading skills of children who are already fluent readers. The best way is to continue to share books with your child, regularly listening to them read, sometimes reading to or with them, but also discussing books read in increasing depth.

## How can you help your child with Home Reading?

- ◆ Set aside some time each day to sit with your child and read (bedtime is ideal).
- ◆ Ask your child to read to you – they will get practice with reading and you will hear how they are progressing and where they may have trouble. If you really don't have time to listen to them read, ask them to read to a brother or sister, or even a pet! Practice really does help us to improve.
- ◆ Show your child how to be an active reader. Discuss what your child has read. Ask your child questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. Help your child go back to the text to support his or her answers. (Your child has brought a bookmark home which will help with question ideas)
- ◆ Reading does not only have to be confined to stories. Many children love reading comics, magazines, newspapers, information books and poetry. All of these reading activities should be encouraged.