

Reading Expectations  
#theJSway

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations of home reading.

All children will be provided with a home reading diary, a reading book and a school library book. It is expected that all children regularly read at home to help develop the reading skills taught in school. As a minimum, we expect all of our JS children to read 3 times a week. This can be reading a whole book, a chapter or a couple of pages. As long as children are reading regularly, there is no expectation of how much they read. Parents and carers should write a written comment in the reading diary to show how successful their child has been and what understanding they have of the text. Inside the front cover of the reading diaries, you will find some comments and questions to use when hearing your child read.

Reading diaries and books should be in school every day. Children are listened to regularly by teachers, teaching assistants and our reading ambassadors in school. Adults will write their own reflective comments in the diary to inform you how well your child has read and what they need to do further. Our book banding system is linked to your child's reading ability and is progressive. Your child's class teacher will use assessment information to decide which book band your child is on.

Children will change their reading books twice a week. If your child has finished their reading book before book change day, encourage them to read it again. Repetitive reading is important and helps your child to read more fluently and develop their understanding of what they have read. If your child brings home a longer book and have not finished it, they do not need to change it on book change day. Library books will be changed once a week. Library books are to share with an adult for pleasure.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gemma Spence  
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