Dear Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to announce that from Reception - Year 6, our home reading records will now be completed via BoomReader. BoomReader is the award winning app designed to support teachers, parents and children with logging reading and books.

We understand that changing from paper diaries can feel daunting but we understand the many benefits of using the app will make the experience of logging reading clear, enjoyable and more rewarding.

Here is a brief list of the benefits we think you'll appreciate!

- No lost reading diaries!
- Reading diaries are never left at home on the busy school run!
- Log reading in seconds- just 4 or 5 taps of your phone to log reading.
- Easy to see all reading for all of your children in one place
- Saving needless paper usage
- No damaged/ruined reading diaries
- School gains powerful insight into reading for every child
- Reading records move with your child through school
- Parents/carers can log in separately for each child
- Parents without smartphones can login via the website: boomreader.co.uk/parents
- And of course, the app is completely free for parents to download and use!

Support for Parents

We want to make you feel fully supported during this process of change. BoomReader has an area of the website dedicated to parents that includes guides and further information and they are always there to support parents who have any questions.

boomreader.co.uk/parents

Your child's unique login details will enable you to securely access your child's account. These will be sent to you from the school. You will receive login details from your child's teacher that will contain everything you need to get started.

Reading Expectations

Reception

• Children will be coming home with a library book and a reading book to share with parents at home and begin to recognise sounds and words.

• They will also come home with a sound blending book or story book linked to their phonic group. Help your child to sound the words out, recognising the initial sounds.

KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2

• Children will be bringing home three books to practise across the week:

  o Book 1 - Black and White phonics book. This book is directly linked to Read Write Inc. sessions. These books will be collected on a Friday and new books given on a Monday. Once children in Year 2 complete the phonics programme, they will no longer bring home this book.

- Book 2 - Book Bag book. This book is chosen by the children and linked to their phonics stage. It is a storybook or non-fiction text. It will be changed weekly.
- Book 3 - Library book. Children will have regular library visits and have the opportunity to choose a library book.

KS2 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

• If your child is on the Read Write Inc. programme they will be bringing home three books per week:

- Book 1- Black and White phonics book. This book is directly linked to Read Write Inc. sessions. These books will be collected on a Friday and new books given on a Monday.
- Book 2 - Book Bag book. This book is chosen by the children and linked to their phonics stage. It is a storybook or non-fiction text. It will be changed weekly.
- Book 3- Library book. Children will have regular library visits and have the opportunity to choose a library book.

• If your child is not on the Read Write Inc. programme, they will bring home 2 books per week.

- Book 1- Year Group age specific book. This book will be chosen from the year group specific books on your child's corridor. They will be appropriate texts which cover a range of genres.
- Book 2- Library Book. Children will have regular library visits and have the opportunity to choose a library book.

Each Friday, children who have read 4 times or more on BoomReader will receive a certificate and their reading achievements will be celebrated.

Fundamentally, the most important aspect to home reading is the reading. With BoomReader, the aim is to make the process of recording reading as manageable for parents as possible. The most important aspect of home reading is reading, so enjoy and celebrate helping your child learn one of the most important life-skills.

Kind regards,

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