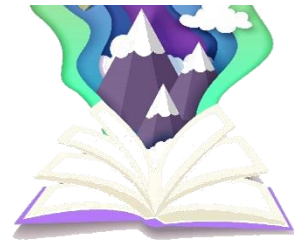
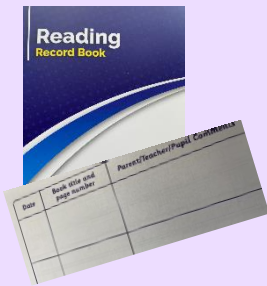


READING @ HOME AND READING DIARIES



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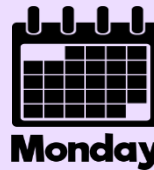
Pupils should be reading at home **at least** 5 times a week. This does not mean they have to read the **same** book 5 times.



Children's reading should be recorded in their reading diary.

Children **can** record their own reading but we ask that it is signed by **you** at least once a week.

Reading diaries should be handed in on **Monday** mornings.



Reading diaries will be signed by your child's teacher and returned by Tuesday at the latest.

Your child does not need to bring their reading diary back to school until the following Monday.



Children will receive a lottery ticket for every five times they have read.

There will be a prize every half term for one lucky winner, drawn from the lottery.



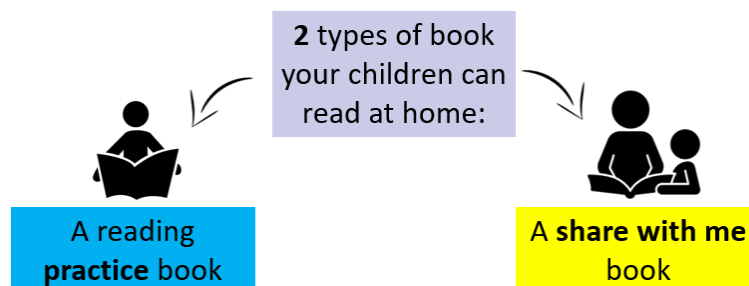
If your child does not hand their reading diary in, you will receive a reminder via Parent Mail.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHICH BOOK? WHAT BOOK?

Your child may bring home 2 types of book:

- A 'share with me' book
- A 'practice' book



'Share with me' Books:

The 'share with me' book (or a 'reading for pleasure book') is a book they have chosen from the classroom library because it interests them. It is a book we **do not necessarily expect them to read by themselves**. The purpose of this book is to engage them in reading for pleasure rather than practising the skill of word reading. This means you might need to read it to or with your child so that you can enjoy it together. Your child can change these books regularly so long as they are returning the book they had before taking a new one.

'Practice' Books:

The 'practice' book is a book that has been assigned to your child to match their reading level. Its purpose is to help them practise the skill of word reading.

Practice books in year R and year 1:

In year 1 or year R this will be the decodable phonics book that your child has been reading in school that week. It is also accessible via the Collins E-book platform. The login details for Collins e-Books are in the front of your child's reading diary. Your child will only have 1 reading practice book per week to help them become as fluent as possible. Please be aware, your child will not be permitted to take a new phonics book if they have not returned the one they had.

Practice books in year 2:

In year 2 the 'practice' book will be a colour band book **or** it might be a phonics book accessible via our new E-Book platform.

Please see the colour band guide attached to this handout for further information about the colour band system.

A QUICK GUIDE TO... COLOUR BANDS

Colour Bands	
Orange	Once children have exited the phonics programme, they start reading at orange level at the end of year 1 or the beginning of year 2.
Turquoise	
Purple	
Gold	
White	By the end of year 2, we expect the children to be reading white level books. Super confident readers might be reading lime books.
Lime	
Brown	End of Year 3 expected level
Grey	End of Year 4 expected level
Dark Blue	End of Year 5 expected level
Dark Red	End of Year 6 expected level
Black	
Black +	



As well as the colour band books we offer in our school libraries, your child can access colour band books on Bug Club.

Their teacher will assign them the correct books according to their reading level.

The username and password for this can be found in your child's reading diary.

The children are regularly assessed to monitor their reading level and will be moved up to the next band accordingly. Please note that this assessment takes into account their comprehension of the text and their ability to answer questions about what they have read, as well as their ability to decode and read with fluency.