

EYFS Reading Share November 2023



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Reading Records

Please remember to write in your child's reading record when you have read together. It is helpful to know what page you have read up to and if your child has struggled to read any words or recognise any sounds.

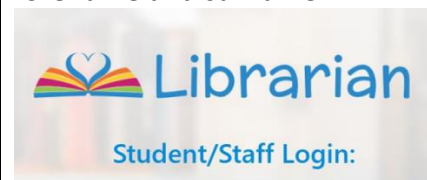
Reading Records are checked in school every week when books are changed or when we read with children. If there is something you need to let me know regarding your child's reading, writing in your child's record is an easy way to communicate. Let us know if you want a different book or want to try one from home! Just let me know and I'm happy to help.

Make use of the school library!

The children choose library books from our classroom for the Autumn term and some of the Spring term. We will start to change library books from our school library after Term 3.

We have worked hard to get the books in school that we have, and we want to share them with you!

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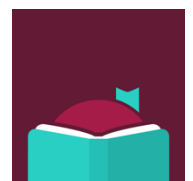


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- See which book your child is currently reading.
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- Search together for books we have in school.
- Reserve a book.
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Does it have to be a book?

Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but comics, Bug Club games or non-decodable word packs (words you recognise by sight) are all great ways of supporting your child to read! Even following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading too! Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is! Libby provides so many free audio books that I'm sure your child would love. All you need is a library card number!



Year 1 & 2 Reading Share November 2023



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Please use these every time your child reads a Bug Club Phonics book to record how they are getting on. We need these in school daily as they are needed every day! It is so important to read at least a page or two every day of the phonics books as this is setting the foundations for your child's reading journey. Please re-read the book up to three times to help develop fluency and understanding of the text.

Alongside this, your child will have a Library book that they can share with family at home. It is not expected that your child will be able to fully read this independently.

We will set your child little mini reading challenges to keep them motivated. Please try and support this at home as it really does help them catch the reading bug!

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Year 3 & 4 Reading Share November 2023



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As children go to Year 3 and 4, we often see less entries in children's Reading Records. Children are learning to record their reading in lower KS2, when before it has been heavily supported by adults. Has your child recorded what they've actually read? You don't need to put a comment from yourself each day, but your child may need support to show their reading week. We sometimes see minimum entries when we know the child is already on their second book of the week!

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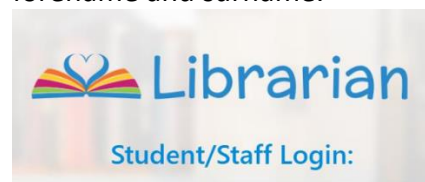
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As children go to Year 6, they begin to take real ownership of their Reading Records. Children are encouraged to write in their record every time they read either to themselves or to an adult. They can keep notes of what's happened, notes on their thoughts or feelings, or notes on how they're finding the book. However, the important thing is that they date the entry and keep a note of what page they're on. That's the minimum expectation.

Reading Records are checked in school every week. We also have a '**Fort Knox Safe**' system whereby pupils can earn a number of safe unlock attempts by having parental signatures in their Reading Records (ask your child for more details). If they crack the code to the safe, they get to keep whatever's inside!

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