



Thursday 24th November

Dear Parents,

As you know, reading is so important to us at Grimoldby. We want to take the opportunity to celebrate children's reading at home. We love hearing all about children's reading, but we need a better understanding of their reading progress at home. Reading Records enable us to have a brief conversation on how your child is finding their reading or phonics and are used in school, daily. They are also used to keep a record of Library books and Recommended Reads that are borrowed and brought home. We thought it would be helpful to answer some of your questions – the following is split into two sections, depending on what year your child(ren) is in.

EYFS and KS1 Reading Q&A

How often should my child read at home?

As often as possible, but every school night for 10 – 15 minutes is a great way to start. This can include shared reading with an adult or phonics books and activities on [Bug Club](#).

When does my child need to bring in their reading record?

Every day. Children will have the opportunity to read independently or with an adult daily so therefore will need their record to keep track of their reading.

What should my child be writing in their reading record?

Children might like to write a comment when they've finished a book, or colour in the stars to review their book. This can be done each time they have finished a book.

Do I have to write in my children's reading record?

Yes please! It does not need to be a long comment, just a brief overview of how they found the book. Comments could be relating to whether they used their phonics to help read new words or whether you re-read each sentence/page or the whole book a few times to develop their fluency. You can record any books that your child reads or that you share with them, this really helps us build a picture of the 'reading diet' in our school community.

What book can my child read?

The focus in the early stages of learning to read is to enable children to see how their phonics can be used in their printed books, so reading and re-reading the fully decodable Bug Club books is where to start. Please share any other books that you feel are suitable from home too - we love to hear about the different books that children are reading!

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KS2 Reading Q&A

How often should my child read at home?

Every school night for 10 – 15 minutes. This can include shared reading with an adult.

When does my child need to bring in their reading record?

Every day. Children will have the opportunity to read independently or with an adult daily so therefore will need their record to keep track of their reading. Each class will have a **designated day** where **Reading Records will be collected** and looked at by a member of staff.

What should my child be writing in their reading record?

Children might like to write a comment when they've finished a book, but this is not necessary each day. A simple date and page number is all you need! Our reading records have a section for them to write in daily.

Do I have to write in my children's reading record?

Whilst this does not need to be done daily, we would like **adults to sign** their child's reading record **each week**. Each week, there is a box for you to sign. Comments from you are still a fantastic way to boost your child's confidence.

What book can my child read?

Your child will have a book from our school for them to read. Therefore, this needs to come **home and to school every day**. Teachers will check any books that children may want to read from home.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Taylor

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Senior Teacher/Phonics Lead

Reading for Pleasure Lead

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