



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Home reading 'sharing' books - Year 2 to 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, reading is a core part of our curriculum. To support your child's reading, your child will bring home a 'sharing' reading book to read, enjoy and share with their family, **on Monday 9th September**.

They will also be bringing home a reading diary. Log in details for various online learning platforms for them to complete their homework, will be stuck in the back cover of the reading diary by the end of next week and a further letter regarding homework will follow. The reading diary is intended as a convenient place for you and your child to refer to the login details.

Staff enjoy seeing children selecting their sharing books and talking about what they enjoy about their reading, or chatting with them about their favourite authors. We encourage the children to talk about what they are reading with adults at home too.

We ask all parents and carers to read and share books with their child at least 5 times a week, and sign their reading diary. This includes children reading their books out loud, but also reading and sharing a range of books, including picture books, magazines and comics, and books from the library. This can also include adults reading to their child, as this fosters a real love of shared reading.

The purpose of their home 'sharing' reading book is to provide your child with a book to enjoy reading, and for adults at home to enjoy and share with them in reading together, the aim is to continue to foster a love of reading with your child. As your child grows as a confident word reader, your child will be able to use their phonic knowledge to read the books, as well as sound out new words they come across. Children can be supported by their parent or carer if there is any word they are unfamiliar with.



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Read Write Inc. 'Book Bag' books

You will be made aware via a separate letter if your child is accessing Read Write Inc. phonics learning. If they are, they will also be bringing home a **Read Write Inc. 'Book Bag' book** after the separate letter is sent to you. These books are designated as your child's main home reading book that they can read aloud to an adult at home, and their purpose is to support their word-reading skills develop. The Book Bag book they bring home will match the sounds and words they will be learning to read in their Read Write Inc. phonics lessons in school.

As the children will be learning the sounds in school, they should be able to decode and confidently read all the words in the Book Bag books they are bringing home each week.

The sharing book they bring home may include some words that your child may not yet have the sound knowledge to decode. Adults may then need to support their child in reading the word to them. The purpose of the 'sharing' book is to provide your child with another book to enjoy reading, and for adults at home to enjoy and share with them, with adult supporting word reading if needed. Please be aware the colour of the sharing book will not necessarily match or be the same as the colour of the RWI Book Bag book, that they will also be bringing home.

Lost books

We ask that any book sent home is looked after carefully and is always sent back to school after the child has read it. Please support your child in developing a routine for keeping their books in a safe place at home, ready to bring back to school each day.

If books are lost, please inform your child's class teacher. **We will then ask that you pay £6.50 for the cost of replacing the book**, as soon as possible. This can be done via Parent-Pay. This is to ensure we always have enough books to give to every child, to support the development of their reading.

Thank you in advance for your support; please do ask your child's class teacher if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,



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