



**HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Learning and Achieving Together*

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**Home Reading**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to manage the safe return of pupils to school.

Over the past three weeks, we have been reviewing our structures and procedures to ensure pupils can safely take home and return a reading book to school. The children have been enjoying hearing lots of stories in class and have enjoyed lots of opportunities to read in different lessons. From today, your child will be bringing home a reading book to enjoy, alongside reading their own books, library books and books online through Bug Club.

**KS1 and Year 3**

- The children will be provided a book on Monday and this should be returned by Thursday when they will then be issued with a new book.
- Their reading diary will be checked every Monday by their teacher. These should be signed by a parent or guardian every time your child has read at home.

**Years 4, 5 & 6**

- The children will be provided a book on Monday and this should be returned by the following Monday where they will then be issued a new book. If your child is reading a longer book, they will of course be able to keep it to finish reading, and return the following Monday.
- Their reading record will now be completed online using the Google Classroom. Each week, they will be expected to write a detailed comment linked to one of the reading domains. This week in class, teachers will model to the children their expectations for this.

Rather than using a rucksack to bring the book to and from school, can you please put your child's book into a book bag or plastic bag with their name on it. This will ensure that the book can fit into their trays in the classroom.

Reading is a key part of homework. All recent educational research has found that reading fiction and non-fiction books is the key to success. It is not a surprise, but how many times do we complicate learning tasks when sitting and reading a book is more productive? So we ask that alongside the reading books provided by the school, you also provide opportunities for your children to read different books at home. These books can be acquired from local libraries or accessed online through Bug Club. It is an expectation that children read at least five times a week at home.

As well as hearing your child read, discuss what they have read with you. Reading to your child and enjoying a book together is equally as valuable.

Please see the accompanying letter to support you and your child in how to access Bug Club.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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