

KS2 Reading Guidelines

At John Keble Primary School we acknowledge and value the support of parents in enabling their children to become fluent readers who read for pleasure and enjoyment. Our approach to selecting and changing home reading books in KS2 is slightly different to KS1.

We hope these guidelines clearly explain how we teach reading and how you can support your child's reading at home.

Home Reading

Organisation

All KS2 children have their reading ability assessed formally every term which is based on on-going teacher assessment and professional judgement. The home Reading Scheme in KS2 is The Oxford Reading Tree which is banded by level, in order to ensure that each child is reading at a level most suitable for them, both in terms of word recognition and comprehension.

Changing books

Once a week (on a day the teacher decides) your child will be given the opportunity to change their home reading book. They will also have access to the school library, from which they can borrow one book. This means they should always have access to at least 2 books each week.

We hope that by allowing pupils to choose a book from the library it will help them develop a love for books and reading.

In Upper Key Stage 2 pupils often read longer books which may take more than 1 week to read so there will be a larger interval between the changing of books.

Expectations

We would like children to read as often as possible in order to develop their understanding, fluency and intonation. It is therefore our expectation that all pupils will read at home at least 3 times a week. This should be recorded in their reading record diary; in addition any free reading which the child has completed may be included. Please also record anything which you feel is important and wish to share with the class teacher about your child's reading, but also remembering that you can arrange to see the teacher if appropriate.

It is important to stress that racing through the reading levels without regard for comprehension and understanding of the content is not the most effective approach to reading! We encourage parents to take time to discuss the text and help pupils read unfamiliar words. This gives a much clearer understanding of the meaning of a whole text. It is also useful to have at home a dictionary and thesaurus which the child can access to explore unfamiliar and/or unknown words.

Guided reading and Class based reading

As well as reading being an integral part of the daily Literacy lesson, pupils in KS2 take part in 3-5 dedicated Teaching of Reading sessions with a staff member. These last for approximately 25 minutes and during the session pupils may read out loud from a class book. Together with reading in other subjects, this means that each child will read with the class teacher weekly.

We have recently updated and broadened the number of books which we use for guided reading, so that we have coverage of both fiction and non-fiction books. Often, the pupils love these books so much that it is a favourite part of the school day for many pupils.

Please note:

In KS2 most children will be unlikely to read their home-reading book to their class teacher, although pupils read daily in guided reading sessions or other subjects with the class teacher. This means that by the end of the week all pupils will have read to the teacher. Class teachers also keep a check on the home-reading progress files for each child with their LSA.