



Mount Hawke Academy

Head of School: Miss C Biddick

Dear Parents

Home Reading

Your child has been given a reading book and a reading diary which is to be kept in their reading bag. Please can you ensure they bring their book bags into school on a daily basis so we can change their books when needed.

Every time your child reads to you, please would you record this in their diary.

You may just date and sign each time or add a comment if you wish to communicate anything to us about your child's reading at home.

We follow our School Policy that a child may read the same book a few times, or take the same book home at a later date.

This is to follow the principle of consolidating the child's learning by once to familiarise themselves with the story, a second time to correct any mistakes and a third time to read the book fluently thus building up self-confidence and knowledge.

Your child will start with a book with just pictures, to encourage story-telling, imagination and discussion about what is happening, who are the characters and predicting what may happen next. This is a great opportunity to access and enjoy books in a story telling approach and will also allow the children to get into the habit of reading every night. During the year we will deliver a daily phonics session and a weekly 'Guided Reading' session, where we will learn and move through the necessary skills, techniques and approaches to be able to use our letters and sounds to read, discuss, answer questions and understand our reading books.

Every Friday, we will also read and do a phonics check with your child on a 1:1 basis. During this session we will move them through the phonic and book stages when they can read the taught sounds and key words from that week. Please see the Mousehole Reading Information Pack to explain this further.

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible...this can be anything; story books, library books, non-fiction books, magazines, even labels in the supermarket! Just have fun, encourage your child to love and enjoy all books and record it all in their diary.

This is a very exciting time. Enjoy your reading time together!

Mrs Cummins and Mrs Pascoe

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