

Thursday 10th September 2020

Reading at Airedale Infant School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to update you with a few changes to our reading provision at school. As you are already aware, at Airedale Infant School we place a high importance on teaching every child to read as soon as possible and to encourage their love of reading to develop throughout their early education.

In school we follow the phonics programme Read Write Inc. This is a programme which teaches your child the phonic sounds that they need to be able to sound out any word to read. In school we conduct assessments to ensure we challenge and support your child to become a confident reader with books that are directly linked to the sounds that they know. This is important to ensure that your child is successful when they read at home with you and makes this a positive experience. If your child is in year 2, children will now be encouraged to select books for themselves within their reading band.

Reading at home plays a crucial role in your child's early development and allows them to become confident and fluent with regular opportunities to practise. Depending on your child's stage of reading books will be changed weekly or sometimes every few days as the texts they will bring home link to the texts we enjoy and practise in class.

Please be assured that following the current COVID-19 guidance relating to resources that are sent home, any books given to your child will have been placed in isolation for a period of time before being sent home. This is to stop any potential germs being spread between households through school resources in book bags.

To encourage reading at home, we have created a new 'Reading Champions' reward system. Each week we ask parents to support their child to read at home three times and to record this with the date, book title and a short comment to log this at home. In school we will reward children who achieve three reads with stickers and prizes from our class boxes to celebrate being a 'Reading Champion'. This achievement will also be displayed in our cloakrooms and will be shared on social media.

This academic year children will no longer have access to Bug Club online, but will instead be encouraged to access the online Oxford Owl portal which provides free access to lots of E-Books. To sign up for an online account please visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk and sign up using an email address for a free parent account.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support with your child's education.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Atkinson
Reading Lead

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