



High aspirations - Valuing learning – Achievement for all

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Dear Parents

Reading at home

It has been excellent to see the rise in pupil engagement with reading at home from the current reading challenge. This reading challenge will continue into term 6 to continue promoting regular reading at home. The competition will now run across EYFS/KS1 and separately in KS2. Please continue to read as often as possible with your child to support their development when reading and remember to write in your child's reading log to help their class win.

When reading with your child at home we would like you to focus on 4 key areas and mention these in their reading log. The areas are:

Prediction

Prediction is making an informed guess about what may happen. When your child is reading it is useful to ask questions that encourage them to predict what will happen in the text. For example, you can ask *"from what you have read so far do you think they will win the football match?"*

Making links

Making links is relating the text to a child's own experience. When your child is reading you can prompt them to link the text to something in their own experience. For example, you could initiate this conversation by saying *"can you remember when you visited the farm in the summer?"*

Self-correction and word recognition

It is helpful if you comment in your child's reading log when they have self-corrected their own reading mistake. For example if your child says *he* and then corrects themselves without prompting to *she*. It would also be useful if words that your child has successfully read that are more challenging have been noted in the comments section.

Please see the attached examples of what this may look like in your child's reading log.

Reading for fun

Finally, please continue to enjoy reading with your child. This could be through reading together, reading something different like a magazine or using character voices when reading.



If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you again for your support with reading regularly with your child at home and for encouraging your child to participate in our whole school reading initiative.

Yours sincerely

Della Hall
Early Years and Reading Lead

EYFS and KS1 Example

Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
12.5.21	From cow to cup page 6-12	Sam predicted which animals would be at the farm on page 8.
13.5.21	From cow to cup page 1-7	As Sam read the book he spoke about when we visited the farm. He made links to his experiences.
14.5.21	From cow to cup All pages read	cow ✓ milk ✓ farm ✓ factory ⑤

KS2 Example

Date	Book title and page number	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Comments
12.5.21	Billy's Luck Chapter 1 page 1-12	On page 2 Ben predicted which team he thought would win the football match and why.
13.5.21	Billy's Luck page 12-17	After reading today Ben made links by talking about winning a rugby match and how this made him feel.
14.5.21	Billy's Luck page 17-26	footballer ✓ beautiful ✓ excitement ✓ either ⑤ shoulders ⑤