

Catshill First School and Nursery

18th September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to an exciting year. As we settle back into our school routine, your child/ren will be bringing home books to read. Reading is an important skill which develops better with regular practise. We also want to harbour a 'love' of reading.

In Key Stage One, your child/ren will bring home a decodable phonic book to read and a library book of their choice to share as either a bedtime story or one to enjoy together. The reading book will be at the phonic level for your child's ability and will reinforce decoding skills, fluency and comprehension.

If your child is a fluent reader and they have completed the phonic decodable books, they will move on to star reader books which are first chapter books for independent readers.

In Key Stage Two, your child/ren will bring home a Project X or star reader book to read and a library book of their choice to share and enjoy together. If your child is a confident reader who is fluent and demonstrates a good comprehension of texts read then they will choose their own reading materials to come home.

For all children, once they have completed reading their book then it can be changed for another one, there are no set book changing days. Please record any positive comments in the home reading diary every time you hear your child read.

In order to develop confident, independent readers who 'love' to read a wide range of materials we recommend that you spend ten to twenty minutes everyday hearing your child read. If you have any questions about reading please speak to either me or your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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