



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, reading continues to be a huge priority for schools across the country as it lies at the heart of a child's education. Learning to read is a partnership between school and home to ensure that your child can reach their full potential.

**Please see below for guidance of what you should expect to see sent home, what you should expect from your child and what you should expect from us.**

## What will my child bring home?

Children learn at different rates so we have outlined this by stage.

- While children are developing their phonics knowledge, they follow our phonics scheme of books 'Read Write Inc.' These are matched to their stage of phonics and children will move through the colours when they are ready. Please see the school website for the order of colours: <https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/uploads/files/book-bands.pdf> The purpose of this is to cement their fluency and it is important that they do not 'rush' through these books. We recommend that children **read their phonics book at least 3 times** before it is changed. They will also bring home a library book (please see below).
- Once children are ready to move on from the phonics scheme, we have a selection of specifically chosen short chapter books to help develop children's fluency further and as a stepping stone on to longer, more ambitious texts. There is a wide selection for children to choose from and children are guided by an adult when making their choice. They will also bring home a library book (please see below).
- When children are ready, they will move on from these books and be able to choose from the wider library. There is a wide selection for children to choose from and children are guided by an adult when making their choice.

If you are unsure which stage your child is working at, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Book marks

If your child is reading the 'Read, Write, Inc.' phonics books or short chapter books, they will still also bring home a book from the library to share with an adult. They will have a bookmark indicating which book is for them to **'practise their reading'** and which book is to **'share'**.





## Hearing readers and changing books

In infants, children are heard to read every day as part of a small group. They will also be heard 1:1 with an adult at other times throughout the week.

In juniors, children read aloud as part of whole class guided reading. Children are also heard 1:1 with an adult fortnightly. Some children also read daily as part of a phonics group.

Although we teach reading, it is essential that children read to an adult at home as often as possible in order to practise their skills and develop their fluency. This will have a positive impact on all aspects of their learning.

- In Reception, Read Write Inc phonics books are changed weekly. We recommend that these books are read daily to develop fluency.
- In KS1, Read Write Inc phonics books are changed weekly. Children are sent two books home each week. They should only read the second book, once they have read the first one 3 times.
- In KS2, children change their own book with adult guidance when they have finished a book.

## Book incentive schemes

We have two incentive schemes to encourage children to read regularly at home: Rainbow Reading (infants) and Book Worms (juniors). After 10 reads at home, children receive a stamp and after 60 reads at home, they are presented with a certificate in assembly.



## Amazon Wishlist

We absolutely love our ever growing library and children love their weekly library sessions. We have been blown away by the generosity of our school community in donating books. As we are unable to have a Christmas Fayre this year, we thought this would be a good time to relaunch our wishlist of brilliant books.

If you would like to donate a book or to browse our list, please click the link below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1D0H02U6241IF?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1D0H02U6241IF?ref_=wl_share)



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If you have any questions regarding reading, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Thank you for helping us to continue to celebrate and love reading!

Best wishes

Miss Dodington



