



## HERITAGE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Reception Parents/Carers

### Parent guide to supporting their Reception child with reading at home

At Heritage Park Primary School we know how important it is to establish good reading routines as early as possible. Reading is an important skill in order to access the rest of the curriculum and, by reading regularly, children can also develop their vocabulary, imagination and knowledge of authors and illustrators.

Our expectation for home reading practice in Reception is outlined below:

- To practise phonics sounds taught in school each day, using their sound book
- To read their reading book, for 5-10 minutes each day
- To share a picture book with an adult regularly throughout the week

Our reading books have been carefully selected from the Collins Big Cat reading scheme for Letters and Sounds. These books offer a variety of fiction and non-fiction and are fully decodable – this means your child will have been taught all of the sounds contained within the book. Your child will have also been taught how to read the tricky words featured in the book before they bring that book home.

Your child will bring a reading book home twice a week. This will take place on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**.

Your child is not expected to finish the book in one day. It is important to focus on the quality of reading rather than the quantity. Once your child has finished the book, they must have the opportunity to re-read it before returning it to school. Re-reading is essential for all children to develop their fluency skills, and also promotes a love of reading. In most of our reading scheme books, there are focus points and questions which are useful for the adult who is hearing the child read.

All reading books will be collected in on the following **Tuesday** so please ensure these are in your child's folder, ready to be collected in by the staff. Their folder will also contain their sound book and any other home learning related materials.



In addition to the reading book your child brings home, they will also be able to choose a picture book to bring home to share with you. These books are to be enjoyed between your child and an adult at home and it is not expected that they are read independently by the child. These books are exchanged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please ensure you log your child's reading using the digital reading log called 'Learning with Parents' (a link to this is emailed to you every Monday). You are able to log your child's reading each time they read, or if you prefer, you are able to backdate entries and upload multiple entries at a time. The staff check the digital reading logs every Monday and we expect each child to have five recorded entries on their reading log each week. If entries are not made frequently enough, the staff will speak to you regarding this and to offer support related to your child's reading.

Key points:

- Look at the sound book every day
- Read their reading book for 5-10 minutes every day
- Log their reading on the digital reading log
- New books will be sent home on a Tuesday and Thursday
- Return both reading books on a Tuesday
- Pictures books can be exchanged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Read and re-read both books, as many times as your child wishes to
- Staff will ensure your child's reading book is carefully matched to their reading ability

If you have any questions about your child's reading book, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Carson-Doughty', written in a cursive style.

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