

## Reading Books and Diaries

### Dar Parents and Carers

As you will have noticed, children have been selecting a '100 Book' to take home each Friday. The 100 Books are linked to our whole school agenda of promoting reading for pleasure. Each phase in school (EYFS, KS1 and KS2) has a list of age appropriate books that the children should aim to read before they leave that Key Stage. In EYFS, the expectation is that the story is shared with an adult so that they can listen to the story being read to them (children are not expected to 'read' the story but may make up their own narrative to match the pictures). As already communicated, 100 Books can stay at home during the week but need to be returned on a Friday so children can select a new book.

In addition to this, Reception children have now started 'reading groups' and are bringing home a 1:1 Phonics Book. The expectation with the 1:1 book is that the children read this to an adult; it is matched to their phonics level and children should be confident with this book having read it in school. 3 times during the week. The 1:1 Phonics Books are swapped weekly; this is normally on a Tuesday. It is important that this book is in school every day to allow us to complete reading groups successfully.

We have had some queries about what to record in diaries etc. Please see the following:

- **Nursery Children:** Please record in diaries when children have read their 100 Book.
- **Reception Children:** Please record in diaries when children have read their 1:1 Phonics Book (you may also wish to record when children have read their 100 book).

This can be a quick and simple comment e.g. 'Ben has read pages 2-4 of Sound Walk'. Children do not need to read the entire book every night.

In order to promote reading at home, we will be starting our sticker reward scheme where children who read 5 times at home during the week will win a trophy sticker in their diary! We are looking to develop this further, with children who gain a number of trophy stickers throughout the half-term receiving a reward.

As always, we are more than happy to help so please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

The EYFS Team