

St Peter & St Paul CE Primary School, Eye



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Reading for pleasure- additional book

You may find your child coming home with an extra reading book in their book bags before Christmas. This is a reading book for pleasure which will be alongside their reading book which explicitly supports the reading learning phase they are currently on. This second book is for you to share and/or read to your child. It will contain words that your child may not yet be able to decode, however they are more than welcome to try to read it with you or even have a go at reading it themselves if they wish. Naturally, we want all reading to be a pleasurable experience for our children but we refer to this second book as a reading book for pleasure as oppose to a reading book to teach reading as sharing it or hearing it read will not provide the same constraints placed on your child when it is concentrating to decode words.

Please know that their reading book is the book that we expect the children to read to you at home daily, the reading for pleasure book is encouraged but optional. To enable you to decipher between the two types of book, we will place a book mark in each one, one which shows their reading book that your child is to read to you, and the other will show the book to share for pleasure. We ask if you can record in your child's reading record when you would like the reading book for pleasure changed as this may be a book you'd like to keep for more than one or two days. Your child's reading book will be changed regularly as before.

Please feel free to ask your child's teacher, or Mrs Jarvis if you have any questions.

Additionally, at some stage next term, your child will also get the opportunity to visit Eye Library with their class and borrow a library book of their own choice. In which case, your child may have up to three books in their book bags to bring home. These library books will be returned when your child's class has another visit later in the term. You do not need to return them.

May we also add, we were thrilled to see so many parents/grandparents and carers at the reading cafes this term and were delighted with the positive feedback we received. Thank you. As parents/carers you are extremely supportive of your young readers and are really helping us as a community to encourage and foster a love of reading - long may it last. You may like to hear that we are now awarding a 'Reader of the Week' for exceptional contributions to reading either in school or at home which is announced in our Celebration Assembly.

Please watch this space for some new and exciting reading events in the New Year.

I'd just like to take the opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas with your families.

Kindest regards

Mrs Jarvis
English Lead and Deputy Head Teacher

