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Reading at Chetwynd Road

We have introduced a new system for reading targets.



In the back of your child's reading diary you will find a target sheet with your child's current reading level targets on with the next level up on the reverse. The level is broken up into seven Assessment Focuses (AF), each AF is designed to cover all areas of reading, eg decoding words to understanding inference of a text. The children in Foundation and Year One, where appropriate, will be working on the targets taken from the Early Learning Goals (ELG's).

We will be working on these Assessment Focuses or Early Learning Goals within school as part of our Guided Reading sessions. The target your child is working on will be highlighted then ticked when the target is achieved and a new target will be highlighted. If you could also work on this target when reading at home it will help your child greatly to move through the level.



We are also introducing reading journals for all the children from Year One. These will be used within class and for use when reading at home. The children will be encouraged to cover a range of reading activities within the journal, such as book reviews, character profiles, writing a different ending etc, all differentiated to suit the age and ability of the child. Please encourage your child to use their reading journal as part of their home reading, doing a reading journal activity can count as one of their four reads per week.

Book Week



As part of our Book Week, 4th - 9th October, we would love to invite parents / grandparents who have been CRB checked to come into school during the week to read to the children or share their experiences of books that they loved and read themselves as children.

On Wednesday 6th October we will be having a book swap day. The children can bring in three good quality books that they no longer want then swap then with another three books that someone else has brought in. We hope to have a Book Swap Day every term, the more participants the more choice for swapping! Further notice will be sent out about this in a separate letter.

Plea for Help!!

We are in the process of rearranging our Guided Reading books and need help sorting the books into the different reading levels. We have a guide book in school which colour-bands the books so it would just be a matter of colour coding the books with stickers to the appropriate level. If you have an hour or a morning or afternoon in which you would be free and would be able to help with this job it would be greatly appreciated!



Please return the slip below stating when you would be free in the week beginning Monday 20th September. Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawker
Literacy Co-ordinator

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To: Mrs Hawker

I am free to help rearrange the Guided Reading Books during the week commencing 20th September.

I will be able to come into school at the following time(s): _____

Signed _____

Parent / Carer of _____ in _____ Class