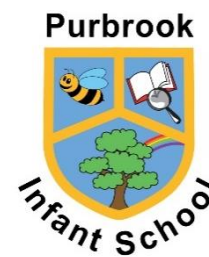


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Dear Parents/Carers

All children in **Key Stage 1** will have already taken home their first book from the library. The children will be given an opportunity to change their library book on a weekly basis. Please note that some children may choose to keep their library book for two or more weeks, especially if it is a longer book that they wish to finish reading. Children in **Year R** will take home their first library book home on either **Thursday 30 September** or Thursday 07 October, depending on their class.

On **Friday** this week, children in **Key Stage 1** will take home a new individual reading book which will show their new book band level. A member of staff will have listened to your child read and will have reassessed which book is appropriate for your child to read at home. In some circumstances it may mean that your child has gone back a book band level. The summer holiday period is a long time and it is normal for some children to regress slightly. Please do not worry; reading with your child at home, alongside their reading in school, will help them to make faster progress. The staff working in **Year R** are currently very busy trying to settle your children into the new school routines and are building up a good relationship with your child. This involves regular story sharing, even though they have not yet been given an individual reading book to bring home. Please continue to talk to your child about the stories they have read before, share new stories with your child, and continue to read stories to your child at home in the meantime. There are also some free eBooks available on Oxford Owl to support you at home: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/?view=image&query=&type=book&age_group=&level=&level_select=&book_type=&series=#

Your child will take their first reading book home on **Friday 22 October**, which will display a book band colour. This will usually be a book with no words, or a book with simple, repetitive words, where they can use the pictures to support their storytelling. If your child is in Year R, please look out for a video on our school Facebook Page with some helpful tips for reading. This may be helpful to parents of children in other year groups as well. There will be more information to follow about how you can support your child with their reading at home soon.

At Purbrook Infant School, our aim is to encourage children to have a love of reading and inspire children to read for pleasure. In order for this to happen, we should be immersing them with a range of text-types, helping them to develop their fluency and independence, and supporting them to develop their understanding and comprehension skills. This is how, as teachers and parents/carers, we can work together in partnership to ensure reading is a key part of children's daily routine.

As part of our 'Class Reading Challenge' we will be asking that you listen to your child read at least **five times a week** at home and record this in their Reading Record book. Please can we ask that every time you hear your child read at home you fill in **one box per read**. We are asking for children to continue reading at home during all half terms and school holidays. To make sure that the 'Class Reading Challenge' is a partnership between home and school, we will also be including every read a child completes in school too. Every time a child completes a whole page of their Reading Record book, a member of staff will cross off the page number at the bottom and give your child a raffle ticket to put into the class raffle pot.

Staff will be checking to see if children have met this expectation before the celebration assembly on a **Friday**. The first Reading Challenge Celebration Assemblies will take place as follows:

- Key Stage 1- Friday 01 October
- Reception- Friday 05 November

During the celebration assembly, Mrs de Carteret will be announcing the class with the most raffle tickets in their pot and will present the winning class in each year group with a certificate; this will then be announced on the Friday Flier. At the end of each half term, the class in each year group with the most certificates will be able to decide together on a class reward to celebrate this achievement. At the end of the school year, the class with the most certificates across the **whole school** will receive an even bigger reward, which will be confirmed nearer the time.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to announcing the first winners in each year group; don't forget to read the Friday Flier!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. BRISCOE". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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