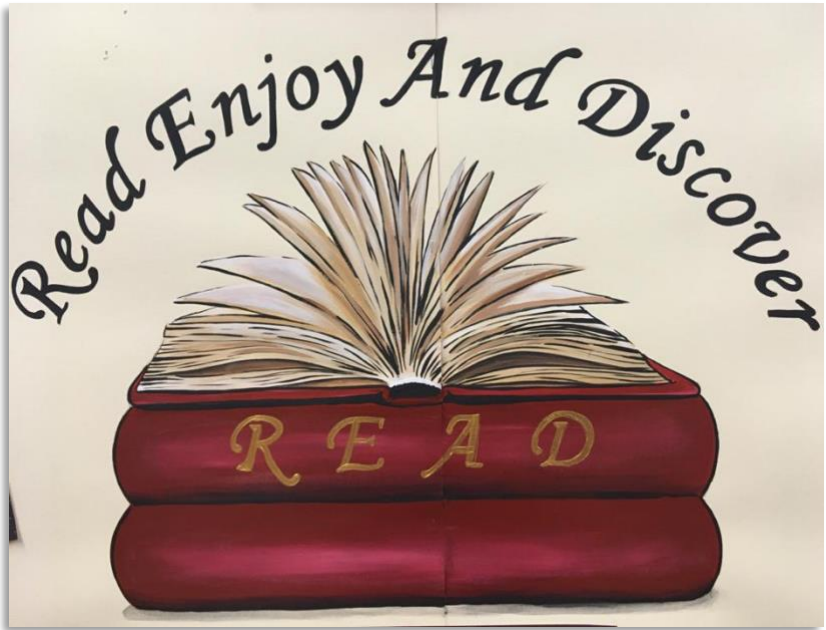


# Early Years

## Key Stage 1

### Reading at Home

Newcomen Primary School



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**The more that you read,  
the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
the more places you will go.**

--Dr. Seuss

Dear Parents and Carers,

## EYFS and Key Stage 1 Reading at Home

We are writing to remind you of the reading at home systems we have in school which complement our phonics scheme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised.

Reading is at the heart of all that we do at Newcomen Primary School as we know it is an essential skill for life-long learning. We place great emphasis on the teaching of early phonics allowing children to word read in a competent and fluent manner; this boosts confidence and self-esteem, which we want for all our children.

In EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, focused reading practice is essential alongside reading for pleasure. Thank you for supporting your child at home with reading as it is vital that children have opportunities to practise reading at home in order to become fluent, confident readers. School provides **two** books to send home for our early readers: **Reading Practice Book and Reading for Pleasure Book.**

### Reading Practice Book

Pupils are given a **reading practice book**, which is closely matched to their phonic phase stage allowing them to develop their automaticity when reading independently. The **reading practice book** is shared three times within school before being sent home on **Wednesday** to share over two days. We kindly ask for the reading practice book to be returned on **Friday** to ensure continuity for the children.

As the children have already read the book three times at school, further reading of this book at home will allow pupils to read confidently at a level that is appropriate for them to develop fluency and automatic reading without significant support. As the parent/carer, this allows you to listen with interest and most importantly to encourage and praise ensuring reading at home is an enjoyable experience for children celebrating their success.

## Year 2

When children are reading with complete confidence and fluency, they will be benchmarked and begin to bring home a colour banded reading book to match their individual reading ability and understanding instead of a reading practice book. Children benefit from re-reading these texts as familiarity boosts confidence and fluency. Please do not rush through these books thinking the more books read, the better. Re-reading is really important in order to check comprehension as well as enhancing fluency and increasing confidence.

## Reading for Pleasure Book

The **Reading for Pleasure Book** provides parents and carers with the opportunity to help foster a love of reading. These quality texts are age-appropriate and have been selected for their language rich vocabulary and structure, exciting plots and celebrate a range of cultures. We ask you to read these stories to your children and embrace this quality time together. Discussion about this book is a wonderful way to enhance knowledge and understanding of the wider world.

**The Reading for Pleasure Book** will be sent home on **Wednesday** and we kindly ask you to return it to school on the following **Tuesday**.

As a school, we have committed a significant financial investment into these high-quality texts: Reading for Practice and Reading for Pleasure, which we know you will completely appreciate.

We ask you, our Newcomen Family, to treat these books with respect to ensure they last and remain in the best condition for all our children to enjoy and benefit from.

Each one of our new books will be placed in a special folder to protect them in book bags.

Thank you for your continued support; we dearly hope you embrace and enjoy these wonderful opportunities to read with your child.

# HAPPY READING!

## **Newcomen Primary School Reading Team**

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