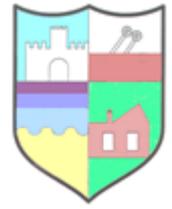


# Ellington Primary School



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## Reading

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school we are having a huge focus on reading. Reading is at the heart of everything we do in school. We want all children at Ellington to become fluent, confident and expressive readers.

I shared the following research at the parent open nights earlier in the year:

- Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.
- 16-year-olds who choose to read books for pleasure outside of school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs in later life
- Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

In Reception and Key Stage One, all children have daily phonics which helps them to learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling.

In Key Stage Two all children have either two or three whole class reading lessons each week. This involves looking at different texts each day,

It is no coincidence that the children who read regularly are the majority of children who are flourishing in class at Ellington. This year we have purchased over 2000 new books to support phonics. We have also been able to buy 350 books through the money raised via The Big Green Bookshop raffle. Further to that, we have just ordered over 600 new books to support reading in Key Stage Two thanks to the PTA.

**To develop reading, we need to work in partnership. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February, all children should bring their reading book and reading record to school with them every day. Each class has developed their own reading reward system for children who read regularly at home. Children in Years 5 and 6 will get a new reading record. We expect all children to read at least five times per week at home. When a child reads, please make a comment or sign in their reading record. Children in Years 5 and 6 can record their own reading with a comment about what has happened in the book.**

## Book Bags

It would be really helpful if your child used a book bag to bring in their reading books, spelling, homework etc. Space is very limited in the cloakrooms and big backpacks can cause real problems in terms of storage. This is especially difficult in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. With the children wearing their PE kit to come to school, a book bag is enough to carry any items.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

## Ellington Library

In March, we intend on opening our new school library. The library will be for the whole school (Nursery up to Year 6) to use during the school day and after school. We will be opening up the library after school so children

can go with their parents/carers and choose books to take home or simply just stay and read together in the library.

Thanks for your support,

Mr Hodgson

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss

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