



Spotlight on Reading and Home Learning

At Summerfield School we feel strongly that the most significant thing that you, as parents and carers, can do to support your child's learning is to share books with them on a regular basis. This includes reading to your child, listening to your child read and talking about what you are both reading. As adults, we are all reading role models. Becoming a confident reader who can understand a range of texts is hugely important – it allows a child to grow in confidence and to access all areas of the curriculum.

Your child should spend short periods of time each day engaged in reading activities at home (please see 'Reading and Homework Expectations' below). Each child has a 'Home School Diary' and we ask that you record any reading activities undertaken in the home and sign their diary daily. We recommend that you find a quiet, comfortable place in which to share books with your child. Please try and minimise distractions during this time by turning off televisions and any electronic devices!

Reading and Homework Expectations:

| Year Group | Expectations |
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| EYFS | 5 x reading/Phonics sounds per week recorded in Home School Diary Name writing, letter formation, number formation, handwriting or key words may also be given each week, as appropriate |
| Year 1 & 2 | 5 x reading sessions per week recorded in Home School Diary Weekly spellings Number bonds, times tables or handwriting each week |
| Year 3 & 4 | 5 x 20-minute reading sessions recorded in Home School Diary 5 x Garage Games on TT Rockstar Either 1 x English (Writing, Reading Comprehension or SPAG) or 1 x Maths Weekly Spellings |
| Year 5 & 6 | 5 x 20-minute reading sessions recorded in Home School Diary 5 x Garage Games on TT Rockstar 1 x English (Writing, Reading Comprehension or SPAG) 1 x Maths Weekly Spellings |

If we notice children are not reading and having their diaries signed regularly at home, we will take the following steps to discuss how we can support you and your child:

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| Step 1 | Note from Class Teacher in Home School Diary |
| Step 2 | Class Teacher will call or speak to Parent/Carer at the classroom door |
| Step 3 | Phone call made by Lead Learning Teacher |
| Step 4 | Invitation to school to meet with Assistant Headteacher |
| Step 5 | Invitation to school to speak to Associate Headteacher or Headteacher |

We are here to help and support in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.