



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

At John Ray Infants we know the importance of reading and are making some changes to encourage our children to read for pleasure more frequently. This year, we will not be counting the number of reads the children can achieve in a year, but will be rewarding them with different things such as extra time in the library as well as spending time in our up and coming Reading Den.

It is essential that children learn to read with fluency and research has shown that a child will need to read a book more than once in order to do this. We are teaching the children that it is not about reading a book from start to finish in one go, but read a few pages at a time, talking about the text and recognising high frequency words rather than sounding out every word.

Here are a few of the changes we are making:

- Reading books are only to be changed twice a week (Monday and Thursday)
- Reading record books will be kept in school during the week and sent home on a Friday, to be returned on Monday
- Diary to be signed over the weekend
- No daily signatures need to be recorded

We do still expect the children to read during the week, preferably every day, and to encourage the children to do this, Mrs Mills has set up a book's for bedtime station by the back stairs. Parents and children are welcome to choose books to take home and share with their family and return the book on the allocated day:

Foundation Stage - Tuesday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Friday

In addition to this, we will be sending out a weekly Reading Newsletter with handy hints and tips on supporting your child with reading. We will be having special 'guest editors' from around the school to talk about their favourite stories.

We look forward to sharing new books with the children and working with Parents/Carers to develop our children into confident readers.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Danckert