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Home Reading Books and Home Reading Record EYFS

Dear parents/carers,

From Reception, as part of learning how to read, your child will be taught sounds, and they will learn to sound and blend words that are unfamiliar to them using the skills they have been taught in their phonics sessions.

Each child will begin to receive either a picture book (without words), a Phonics Bug book or a Monster Phonics book - children may also have a printed sheet of sounds to practise reading too. The books children are provided with will match the sounds they have been taught in school and should be practised as much as possible to strengthen your child's fluency.

We are passionate about encouraging **reading for pleasure**. Your child will also be able to pick an additional book from a lending library in class to read for their own enjoyment with the support of an adult. Some children may need an adult to read the book to them and this is perfectly fine.

Once your child is secure with phonics and can decode efficiently they will choose their own reading book from within the appropriate book band with guidance from an adult that they will read for pleasure.

Any reading completed at home should be recorded in the children's reading record and signed by an adult. This helps us to identify and monitor your child's progress and when your child's book can be changed.

Book bags are sent home each day. We kindly ask for them **to be returned the following day**. The whole book is not expected to be completed in one home reading session. The aim is to listen to your child read for a minimum of 4 times a week and additional times to read for enjoyment.

Early home reading plays a vital role in ensuring your child becomes a confident and fluent reader by the end of Key stage 1, therefore we ask for your support at home with this.

Key Points:

- Explore picture books (without words) or phonics decodable books to be read by the child to an adult.
- Additional book to be read with an adult or by an adult if your child selects one to bring home.
- Book bags returned to school each day.
- **All reading to be recorded in the reading record.**

For any books that are lost, there will a charge of £3 to fund replacing them.

We thank you for your continued support with your child's reading.

Yours Sincerely,



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EYFS Lead



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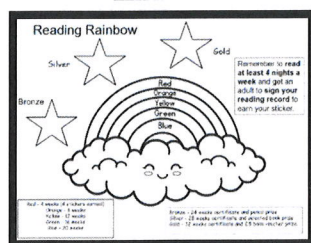
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Dear Parents/Carers,

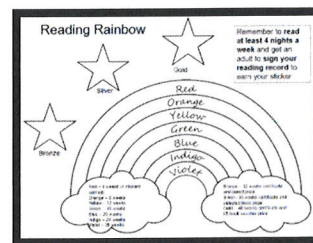
'Children must read every day at home!'

'Reading Rainbow Reward' is our incentive to motivate children to read at home. At the end of each week if children have read for 4 nights out of 7 and have their record signed, they will receive a coloured sticker to acknowledge this. Every 4 weeks the children will try to earn a different colour on the rainbow and move through the colours of their 'Reading Rainbow'. Once children have completed their rainbow, they will move on to achieve our bronze, silver and gold rewards, receiving special certificates and prizes such as pencils, bookmarks and book vouchers.

EYFS



KS1 and KS2



Beginning this term, we are very excited to introduce
THE CAKE CLUB: celebrating reading at home

THE CAKE CLUB
Celebrating Reading at Home!

The more raffle tickets, the more chances of winning!

Every half-term, one child from each class will be invited to attend **THE CAKE CLUB!** Children will share delicious treats and socialise with other fabulous readers.

HOW TO WIN AN INVITE:
Read at home & bring your reading book bag into school the next day.
Exchange your reading book bag for a raffle ticket and place it into your classroom raffle box to keep safe.
A winning ticket is selected (at random) for every class, every half-term.

'The Cake Club' has 2 simple rules:

- 1) We share delicious treats
- 2) We socialise with other fabulous readers.

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1. Read at home & bring your reading book bag into school the next day.
2. Exchange your reading book bag for a raffle ticket and place it into your classroom raffle box to keep safe.
3. A winning ticket is selected (at random) for every class, every half-term.

Top tip: *the more raffle tickets, the more chances there are of winning!*

Reading throughout our whole school

EYFS – Reading involves children reading the monster phonics sound sheet/cards, picture book and discussion plus bedtime story reading

KS1 – Reading monster phonic sound sheets and your selected home reading book.

KS2 – Reading monster phonic sound sheets if you have these, your selected home reading book or any additional reading materials.

We very much value the important and significant part that parents and carers play, in helping the children at Kensington Primary in their progress with learning to read.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child/children's class teacher.

Lost Books

We are fortunate to have an extensive library in which children can select books from to read at home; many of these books are costly to replace if lost or damaged. It is important that these books are cared for and returned to school in good condition.

For any books that are lost, there will a **charge of £3** to fund replacing them.

If you have any questions, please contact your child/children's teacher.

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