

Reading Record Guidance



At West Hampstead, we expect all children to read at home for at least 15 – 20 minutes each day. The Reading Record is used to show the class teacher what books are being read at home and how often. Your child's book and reading record should come into school every day to be shown to an adult in school.

Reception

Children in reception will bring home **phonically decodable books** matched to their reading level as well as a 'reading for pleasure' book that can be read to them.



Expect at the beginning of reception for your child to bring home wordless books. They are a fantastic and important way of building literacy skills and engage children in prediction, critical thinking and storytelling. Encourage your child to tell their own version of the story, using the pictures.

The supporting adult is expected to **complete the reading record daily** with the date, book name & a comment if necessary. This is a great form of home-school communication.

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Year 1 & Year 2

Children in Year 1 will bring home **phonically decodable books** matched to their reading level as well as a 'reading for pleasure' book that can be shared with them. By Year 2, your child may no longer need decodable books and will bring home **colour banded books** instead.

The supporting adult is expected to **complete the reading record daily** with the date, book name & a comment if necessary. This is a great form of home-school communication. By Year 2, you may want to encourage your child to complete some of the reading record themselves.

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Year 3 – Year 6

Children from Years 3 – 6 will bring home either **colour banded books** or **chapter books** matched to their reading level. Although these are longer reads, the reading record should still be completed daily.

Your child may be a fluent, independent reader but still ensure that some of their reading time includes reading aloud to an adult.

Your child is expected to **complete the reading record daily** with the date, book name & a comment if necessary.

Questions

- Why did you choose this book? What made you think that it would be interesting?
- Catch me up on the story. What has happened so far?
- What do you think is about to happen? Why? Have you been given any clues?
- If you were that character, what would you have done in that situation?
- Do you think you would choose to be friends with the main character if they went to your school?
- Did the book end the way you expected? Would you have ended the book differently?
- Was there a problem in the book? Did it get solved?