

## Home Reading

Parental support is extremely valued at Walton Primary Academy and we recognise the impact it has on children's progress and attainment in reading. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practise at home. As a school, we expect children to read at home 5 times per week and at least 3, where 5 is not possible. Research shows that reading regularly at home has a significant positive impact on children's development in reading. Teachers will regularly monitor reading records to ensure that children are reading at home. Please may we ask that you sign and date your child's reading records each time they have read – this includes the shared reading book and any other additional books you may have read at home.

### EYFS and Key Stage One

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home throughout the year:

**A reading practise book** - This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently as they will have already practised reading this book with an adult in school three times during the week before taking it home. This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level based on most recent assessments. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together. Reading/listening to the same book multiple times, will allow children to develop fluency, allows children to pick up new information, dive deeper into the meaning of the book, and make connections between themselves and the book – as well as between the book and other books they've heard.

**A sharing book** - Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

### Key Stage Two

All children will take a reading book home daily. Each class will have allocated book changing days and if they are reading regularly at home the children can change these books under the guidance of the class teacher. In Key Stage Two the children are regularly benchmarked so that their progress in word reading and comprehension can be closely monitored and book levels closely match to their reading ability. We want our children at Walton Primary to develop a love for reading, therefore as well as reading their school book we also encourage the children to read their own books at home. The children are also welcome to borrow books from the school, class and that local library should they wish to do so.