



Let's Read!

Dear Parents/Carers

At Elmbridge Primary School 'Reading is Everything'. We want all children to be able to read with confidence, fluency and for enjoyment! Please remember the school expectation is that children **MUST** read at least three times a week at home. Below are some of the ways in which we are encouraging the children to become avid readers.

Reading Rewards - KS1 and KS2.

Reading at home consolidates and embeds the reading skills that have been taught at school, improves children's knowledge of vocabulary and helps them to build confidence with their communication skills. An adult working within your child's class will regularly count (not necessarily weekly), how many times each child has read their **school reading book** at home and will keep a running total in their reading diary. Only a book from the school reading scheme and one read per day will be counted towards our reward system.

Reading Rewards - Early Years Foundation Stage/Reception children.

Whilst your child is settling into school and learning the sounds that they will need to access books which match our phonics scheme; we will count the reading for pleasure book or any book that you share at home. If you share more than one book a day, just **one entry** in the reading diary will be counted. Once your child is bringing home and reading their own book, which is matched to their phonic knowledge we will stop counting the reading for pleasure books and will only count their school book.

To celebrate regular reading at home the following rewards will be given;

Number of Reads	Reward
50	A certificate
100	A certificate and badge
150	A certificate and pencil
250	A certificate and your name entered into an end of year book token raffle.
300	A certificate and Strawberries and Cream celebration.

KS1 - Birthday Books.

As a healthy school we **do not** share sweets/cakes etc as a way of celebrating children's birthdays or other special occasions. We would instead like to share their favourite book. Each child is encouraged to bring in their favourite book on their birthday which we will then read to the class. If your child's birthday does not fall on a school day, then they can of course bring it in as close to their special day as possible. If your child's birthday was during the summer break or early September, then they may bring in a story over the next couple of weeks and we will endeavour to share them as soon as we can!

Book Club

Book club takes place once a week in every classroom. On this day children are encouraged to bring in a book or magazine etc from home to look at and share with their friends. We also ask the children to discuss why they like that particular book and begin to recommend books/comics/magazines to each other.

Your child's class teacher will let you know which day of the week book club will take place within their classroom.

Mystery Reader.

Can you keep a secret? Would you like to be a 'Mystery Reader'? To keep the children engaged and excited about books we would like some volunteers to be our mystery readers at story time. A Mystery Reader would need to come into school at the end of the day (2.40 for KS1 and 2.50 for KS2) on an agreed date and read their child's favourite book to the class. You would have to keep your visit a secret from the children so that they enjoy the surprise!

If you would like to participate please email lbooth@elmbridgeprimary.co.uk with the following details and I will contact you to arrange a date.

- Your name
- Your child's name and class
- Preferred term and day of the week.

If you have a particular date in mind, such as your child's birthday please write it in your email and we will try to accommodate you. **For children currently in our Foundation Stage - we will begin mystery readers after the Christmas break; however please still email or complete the slip below.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Booth