

3rd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you for all your support, whilst at school and then at home, with reading over this academic year. We have really appreciated your backing with developing a reading for pleasure culture at Newton Road School and one we will endeavour to continue into 2021.

We aim to send reading books home as soon as possible however we first need to assess the children and find out where they are with their word recognition, fluency and comprehension skills. Once we have completed this we will send reading books home from the week beginning the **14th September 2020**. Key stage 2 will likely start on the Monday but KS1 will begin on the Wednesday as this will fit in with the completion of their first Read Write Inc/phonics book in class.

KS2- once the children have read their home reading book, they can return this and it will be set aside for 48 hours before being returned to the class book corner. Please continue to fill in your reading record.

KS1- books will be given out after the completion in class of the phonics text and will be due in the following Monday where it will be set aside for 48 hours. Please continue to fill in your reading record.

All of the children will be taking part in reading activities throughout the first few weeks (and for the rest of the academic year) such as Phonics, Book talk, Demonstration reading as well as phonics and reading assessments alongside 1:1 reading with their class teacher or teaching assistant.

Thank you to those that took part in our sponsored read last term; we have a lovely bundle of books chosen by the children ready to go into reading corners in classrooms. We also have lots of fantastic new books, some donated by amazing parents – so thank you again for this – for the children to read and listen to.

Together our reading for pleasure adventure can continue.

Kind regards

Jo Beveridge

(currently reading Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy)