



Lacewood Primary School  
Reading at home booklet for Key Stage 2



*'Reading is dreaming with your eyes wide open.'*

## Reading at home

- Establish a regular time and place for daily reading, such as before bed. This is a much better way to relax than looking at a phone or tablet.
- Keep a variety of reading materials available (picture books, fiction, non-fiction, chapter books, atlases, dictionaries, magazines, newspapers, join the library and visit regularly).
- Role models – share your own experiences of books (eg. talking about favourite book) and read yourself – children will want to follow your example.
- Lots of talk! Ask questions encouraging children to think and make predictions about what they are reading.
- Play word games/ board games and encourage your child to read the rules first.
- Involve children in reading/ writing for specific uses as well as pleasure (e.g. shopping list).
- Respond positively to children's reading and writing.



A great website for book recommendations for KS2 children:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>



## Home Reading records

Comments from parents really help class teachers to know how often children are reading at home and whether they are enjoying the book they are reading.

Here are some suggestions of what you could comment on:

- Did your child enjoy the book?
- Can your child remember the story so far?
- Is your child reading the text or just using pictures for clues?
- Does your child understand the meaning of the text or are they just decoding the words?
- Is your child confident to attempt new words?
- Does your child recognise their mistakes and self-correct?
- Is your child aware of punctuation?
- Is your child reading with expression?
- How long is your child able to sustain reading?

Please try to record in your child's reading record at least once per week. These need to be sent into school every Friday to be checked.

(children will earn 10 golden points towards '**Golden Time**' for returned records)

### Useful questions to support and extend

- What is the title?
- Who is the author? Illustrator?
- What kind of book is it? (fiction/ non-fiction/ poetry etc)
- Can you tell me anything about the book before you start reading? How do you know? • What has happened so far?
- What do you think might happen next? Why?
- Where is the story set?
- Who are the characters? Who do you like? Dislike? Why?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- How would you like the story to end?