

Archibald First School

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Reading at Archibald

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been so lovely to welcome all of our children back to school this week. As we gently ease the pupils back into school life, we are introducing a few new routines and procedures to maintain the safety of pupils and staff. Please find some information below regarding reading at Archibald.

Individual Reading Books

From next week, all pupils in Year 1-4 will bring home a reading book on a Monday and must return it by Thursday of the same week. As part of our systems of control, this will enable books to quarantine for 72 hours on return, before being issued to another child. Having a book from school a week will allow you to reread a previously enjoyed story and there are many benefits that can come from the act of rereading. When children listen to the same story multiple times, they 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.

We understand that this may not be ideal but please be assured that any additional reading completed at home is just as valuable. Please record any reading in your child's diary, we would encourage the older children to record this themselves.

Reading at Archibald

Reading is a valuable, lifelong skill that intersects all areas of the curriculum. We develop our pupils through independent and shared reading as well as cross-curricular sessions which empower them to find pleasure in reading and actively promotes the acquisition of reading skills in all subjects. We aim to support all children to achieve their reading potential. Reading will be a key focus across the school as we settle the children back into school and implement a recovery curriculum.

- All pupils will be heard read each week, either individually or during guided sessions.
- Reading records and assessments will be kept at school. Some comments may be entered into reading diaries, this mostly applies to children lower down the school.
- This year we have introduced class novels. Over the course of the year, children will have access to a range of text types; this will be in addition to books used in literacy lessons.
- Classes will take part in set reading times as well as 'cheeky fives' – an extra 5 minutes' story time!
- Further information about reading can be found on our school website:
<https://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/>

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Recording in Reading Dairies

Reception to Year 2: Please record any reading your child does at home in addition to school books.

For younger children, reading the book several times may help develop sight recognition of words and build fluency and confidence.

Years 3 & 4: Please encourage your child to record their own reading and to write a comment about the book (home and school books).

Reading Detectives

Encourage the children to:

- Answer questions about the text while they are reading to gauge comprehension.
- Make predictions about the story, events and characters
- Express their likes and dislikes
- Compare the story / text to others they have read
- Tell you 3 facts they have learnt
- Explore the features of the book: contents, glossary, index, spine, author, illustrator
- Read recipes, instructions, signs, posters, leaflets...

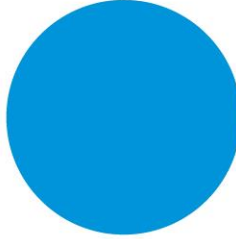
Additional Resources

Please follow the information on attached to access online reading books.

Thank you for your continued support, reading is always most successful when it's a partnership with home and school. If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

Mrs Graham



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Additional Resources

Collins

Via Collins, the books range from Pink to Turquoise level and are therefore suited mostly to Early Years and Key Stage 1. As a general indication:-

Nursery - Pink
Reception - Pink to Yellow
Year 1 - Yellow to Orange
Year 2 - Orange to Turquoise

Log in by going to <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/defaultlogin.aspx> Login in as a student

This is a generic account to be used.

Select Archibald First School

- Enter the first letter of the last name F
- Enter day and month of birth 1 January
- Enter year group 1

Oxford Owl

Oxford Owls goes up to Dark Red book bands.

- Nursery – Pink
- Reception - Pink to Yellow
- Year 1 - Yellow to Orange
- Year 2 - Orange to Turquoise
- Purple – Year 2
- Gold – Year 2
- White – Year 2/3
- Lime – Year 2/3
- Brown – Year 3
- Grey – Year 3/4
- Dark Blue – Year 3/4
- Dark Red – Year 4

You can also select by phonics phase

- Phase 1-2 Reception
- Phase 3 Reception later in the school year / Year 1
- Phase 4 End of year for Reception and Year 1
- Phase 5 Year1 / 2

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

Reading Eggs

Reading Eggs is the multi-award winning online reading programme for kids aged 2 to 13.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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