



## Reading at Home

Encouraging your child to read at home and enjoying books together is one of the best ways you can help them develop. Reading a variety of books exposes children to new vocabulary, develops their communication skills, and helps them to learn about the world. It doesn't just help children to make good progress with their reading at school, it also supports their progress across all areas of the curriculum, as reading and vocabulary is important in all subjects. Therefore, we would urge you, if you haven't already, to make reading a book a part of your daily routine at home. For example, it can be an enjoyable activity to do together just before bedtime.



## Home Reading Books

After the success of our new home reading initiative which was started this time last year, we are continuing to send home high quality books which are swapped weekly.

In EYFS and Year 1, children take home three books every week:

- 1) the book they are reading in their Read Write Inc lessons at school;
- 2) a phonics book that matches their Read Write Inc level;
- 3) a picture book to share with someone at home.



In Years 2-6, children choose a book from the selection of crates in their classroom. These crates are changed every half term to give the children the opportunity to read a wide range of authors, genres and topics. This year, we have also introduced a 'Recommended Read' crate for each year group, stocked with brand new books which have been recognised as high quality and suitable for each age group.

## Book Bags

Please remember that book bags need to be in school every Monday for books to be swapped. If your child does not bring their book bag to school, you will receive a text to remind them to bring it in the following day. If your child's book bag has not been seen for two weeks running, you will receive a phone call from your child's teacher. Fines will be issued for any lost or damaged books.



## Boom Reader & Rainbow Readers



Please log each time your child reads at home on the Boom Reader app. Children in Years 5 & 6 may wish to do this themselves. Please note that your child's Boom Reader login code will be different to last year's. All children who have logged 200 reads by July will be rewarded with a trip to the cinema! If you are struggling to login or use the Boom Reader app, please speak to your child's teacher or the office staff.

## Summer Reading Competition

We challenged the children to read 30 times over the Summer holidays. We have 35 children who managed to achieve this and they will be rewarded with a cinema trip in November. A big 'well done' to them!



## Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Trip Tower Of London  
Tuesday 8th October

Year 5 Trip Birmingham Hippodrome  
Thursday 10th October

Harvest Festival  
Monday 14th October 2pm

SEND Parents Evening  
Wednesday 16th October

Harvest Activity day  
Rec & Nursery  
Monday 21st October

Parents Evening  
Wednesday 23rd and Thursday  
24th October

End of Half term  
Friday 25th October

Start of term  
Monday 4th November

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## Trips

We have always tried to give our children amazing experiences. We are just sorting trips for the Autumn term, and have noticed that the costs have jumped again. This does mean that, if not everyone pays, the trip will be cancelled. We try to get funding for as many trips as we can and try to keep the cost as low as possible. We also try to subsidize each trip by at least £5 a child, but if we then have to pay for children who do not contribute then the cost to school is reaching nearly £500.

## OPAL Parents Playday

After we unfortunately had to cancel the previous OPAL Playday, we have now managed to re-arrange a new date. The Parent's Playday will now be on Monday November 4th at 1.15pm. The format of the afternoon will be the same as previous only timings pushed back by 15 minutes. If you put your name down to come last time, then we will assume you are still attending unless you inform us otherwise. If you would like to attend then please ask the Office to add your name to the list.

## Spring Term

From the 1st January 2025, Mrs Whitehouse will be acting Headteacher over at Tower View as well as Headteacher here at River View. She will still be contactable on days when she is based at Tower View but in the first instance, if you have a concern that needs sorting, please make an appointment to see Mrs Buckingham.

## End of Term

To give you as much warning as possible, we will be closing early on the 20th December. Children will need to be collected at 13:30pm.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th November  
Opal Play day

Tuesday 5th November  
Year 6 Botanical Gardens

School Photographs  
Tuesday 12th November

Children in Need  
Friday 15th November

Non Uniform  
Friday 29th November

Wednesday 4th December  
Reception Ash End Farm

Christmas Bingo  
Tuesday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day  
Thursday 12th December

End of Term (Christmas)  
Friday 20th December ends at  
1:30

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