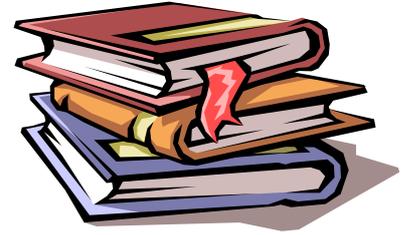


## Take Home Readers

The main aim of having children take home books is to promote the *regular* reading of text and the use of a *variety* of reading strategies for unknown words. It is hoped that children will develop a love of books that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.



The children will be selecting and changing their own books from a specific (teacher allocated) tub. The tubs will contain a variety of texts, most of which will be relatively easy for the children to read and some that may be quite challenging.

Children will progress through carefully graded texts, however the emphasis is very much on reading for enjoyment and fostering a love of books. Please try and refrain from generating unnecessary competition by referring to the reading levels indicated on the back of most of the books.

Children's folders will contain a sheet for parents to record the date, name of book, parent's signature and whether the book was read *by* the child, shared *with* the child or read *to* the child. You know your child the best. If they are happy and comfortable reading the book themselves, great. If they are tired or feeling a little uninterested, offer to take it in turns to read a page each. If the book seems too challenging, read the book to them. The important objective here is regular reading and sharing books together. Little value is gained from a child struggling with every word and everybody becoming stressed and unhappy! ***Remember reading should be fun!***

If any parent has any questions about Take Home Readers, or would like to discuss it further, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher.

Reading of Take Home Books should take about 10 minutes. If the book is only short, talk about the book with your child. Perhaps you could ask your child to retell the story or make up a new ending for the story. If the book seems too long, keep the book and read it over a few days.

We look forward to your support - ***Happy Reading!***

The Level 2 Team