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Reading at Margaret McMillan

Dear Parents

Over the past two years our school has been working closely with the the Burley English Hub to develop phonics and early reading across EYFS and KS1. As part of this work Margaret McMillan was selected to take part in a research project with the Open University to develop pupils love of reading. We are very honoured to have been chosen for this project which will be giving us lots of opportunites to work alongside reading experts to enhance reading at our school.

From September we introduced brand new class libraries for pupils throughout school. The books in the class libraries are books written by a range of authors and are suitable for children in that year group. The books are aimed to excite and engage children and develop their love of reading and desire to read for pleasure.

We have created a book spine that consists of approximately 15 differerent texts each term with the hope that pupils can read as many of the texts through the year. Teachers have been busily reading the books on their class spines so that staff can engage in rich conversations around reading with our pupils.

Your child will bring home two books to read. One is a 'Reading to Read' book aimed at your child's individual reading stage and the other is a 'Reading for Pleasure' book chosen from the class library. These books can be read with a parent or any other adult or older sibling in your household to your child or read individually. We would encourage parents to read with their child and to engage in conversations about the books they have read.

We ask that all the books sent home are cared for and are brought back into school in the same condition so that all the children in the class are able to read and enjoy them.

Teachers will share the books that are on your child's class book spine on Seesaw at the end of this week so that you can look at which texts are being covered.



The children are very excited about taking the new books home and we look forward to talking to them about the books they have most enjoyed so please ask them each day – ‘What have you read?’.

We are looking forward to sharing more exciting news about reading at our school and thank you in advance for taking the time to read with your child.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hodge and Mrs Mulholland
Literacy Leads