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Dear Parents and Carers,

Stage Books and Reading Diaries

In the first few weeks of the Autumn term, your child will be given a stage book from our school library. For Year 3 pupils, this assessment may take a little longer due to a new stage system (we do not use the same 'colour band' system as Lodge Lane Infant School).

To minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19, stage books must be 'quarantined' in school for 72 hours before other children can use them. Due to limited stock, your child may be without a stage book for a few days before they are given a new one.

Year 3 will hand in their stage books to be changed on a Monday and the 72hr quarantine will start. They will be given a new book to take home on a Thursday.

Year 4 will hand in their stage books to be changed on a Friday and the 72hr quarantine will start. They will be given a new book to take home on a Monday.

Year 5 will hand in their stage books to be changed on a Friday and the 72hr quarantine will start. They will be given a new book to take home on a Tuesday.

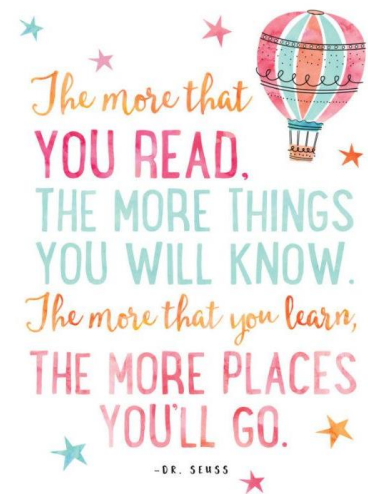
Year 6 will hand in their stage books to be changed on a Friday and the 72hr quarantine will start. They will be given a new book to take home on a Monday.

On the days without a stage book at home, please encourage your child to read your own books from home. This could also include e-books, magazines, comics, newspapers, recipe books, advertisements, letters, instructions and websites.

We strongly encourage you to join your [local library](#) and sign up to free e-book websites, such as: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

We do expect your child to become a **responsible reader** and take responsibility for reading at home **every day**. We understand you lead busy lives, but please set aside time every day – *even just for a few minutes* - to turn off the technology and enjoy a book with your child.

Your child will be given a reading diary to log their home reading and they must bring it to school once a fortnight to show their class teacher what they have been reading at home. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to discuss, review and recommend what they have read. Your child's class teacher will tell them which day this will be.



Your child's class teacher will track how often your child reads at home. If we are concerned that they are not reading regularly to an adult at home, we will contact you to offer support and discuss interventions that will need to happen in school.

We expect all our pupils to become **responsible readers** by choosing to read as much as possible and recording what they read in their reading diaries. If you notice your child independently choosing to read in their free time, please write this in their reading diaries!

We will encourage children to share their reading adventures with us and children who read daily will be rewarded with house points and extra golden time. Responsible readers may earn jobs such as 'class librarians', 'library bus librarians' or 'book monitors' to help their teachers. Once a term, teachers will nominate one pupil from their class to earn a **star reader** badge, to wear on their school jumper.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs H. Shand
Year 6 Teacher and Subject Leader for English

Miss N. Delidjani
Teacher and Responsible for the School Library



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