



## Reading Expectations

“If you don't have time to read, you don't have the time (or the tools) to write. Simple as that.” — Stephen King

### **At Featherstone Academy, we aim to:**

- Develop happy, healthy and curious learners who read confidently and fluently and seek to acquire knowledge independently
- Help our pupils to develop a lifelong enjoyment of reading taking genuine pleasure from what they read
- Give our children the reading skills they need to access all areas of the curriculum
- Enable children to access, understand and begin to manage information
- Help children begin to understand the meaning of what they read and what is read to them
- Help children make responses to what they read justifying those responses
- Allow all children to use reading to become immersed in other worlds...both real and imagined!

Here at Featherstone Academy, we want to encourage your child to foster a life-long love of reading; not just as a necessity, but for enjoyment too. As well as reading in class with the teacher, we expect your child to read at home. As a school, we believe that ALL children should read **at least three times a week**.

Your child will have a book-banded book from their class teacher, or they may be a ‘free reader’.

As well as reading their book, it would be fantastic if they can add to their reading by:

- Reading a library book
- Reading one of their own books
- Reading leaflets from days out/holidays
- Reading maps
- Reading cookery books
- Reading on an Ipad, Kindle, laptop, etc
- Reading shopping lists, cereal boxes, food ingredients
- Any other reading material they have/you can think of

### **What do you need to do?**

1. Read with your child AT LEAST THREE TIMES A WEEK, even if it's just one page, paragraph, etc.
2. Try to aim for at least 10 minutes.
3. Question your child using the comprehension bookmark they have brought home.
4. Give details, in their reading diary, of what they have read (no matter what they've read), and either make a comment or initial to show you've listened to them.
5. Return your child's reading diary to school **EVERY** day.

### **What does your child need to do?**

1. Read AT LEAST THREE TIMES A WEEK.
2. Hand their reading diary in EVERY day, and tick their name off the class list to indicate that they've read (reading diary must have parent's initials).
3. Change their home reading book on the days their teacher has told them to.
4. Read other material – not just school books.

### **What will class teachers/support staff do?**

1. We will read aloud to our class, EVERY day.
2. We will discuss books and authors we are familiar with, but also expose them to ones they might not have discovered otherwise.
3. We shall provide your child with plenty of opportunities to read for pleasure, and will make sure they know how to select books from our school library.
4. We will set time aside to recommend books, by discussing them and writing book reviews.
5. We will make sure your child knows which days to change their home reading book and will remind them to do so.
6. We will remind them to tick the class list if they've read at home, and their **diary has been signed**.
7. We will check and sign their reading diaries every **week**.

We hope you will continue to support your child, and us, at this crucial time in their lives. With the requirements in the National Curriculum being raised much higher than they have ever been, learning to read and reading for life has never been so important.

Thank you for your continued support.