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Welcome to Your Child's Reading Diary

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading is at the heart of everything we do at Lanivet Community Primary School. We are passionate about developing a love of reading in every child and believe that sharing books and stories together is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning.

Just look at our library, all the stories were chosen by the children at Lanivet School.



Your child has been given a **reading diary**, which will travel between home and school throughout the year. The diary is used to record all the wonderful reading experiences your child has each week.

We encourage children to engage with reading every day. This may look different at the start of Reception, and every reading experience is valuable. Please record any of the following in your child's diary:

- Watching the Read Write Inc. Speed Sound videos that we send home via QR codes
- Sharing a picture book together
- Listening to a bedtime story
- Talking about a favourite story
- Joining in with repeated phrases or retelling parts of a story
- Looking at books independently

When you make an entry, we'd love you to add a little note about the experience. For example:

"We shared The Gruffalo together and Tillie joined in with repeated phrases."

"Watched the 'm' sound video and practised saying the sound."

"Poppy enjoyed a bedtime story and we talked about our favourite character."

Reading Rewards

Reading diaries are checked by a member of staff every Friday, and we record how many times your child has read during the week.

To celebrate regular reading at home, we have a special reward system. Children who achieve five reads per week for six consecutive weeks will earn a non-uniform day reward. We will notify you through your child's reading diary when this has been achieved.

Supporting Your Child at Home

At the moment, your child is learning their single Set 1 sounds in school. As part of this, we will be sending home QR codes linking to the Read Write Inc. pronunciation videos. Watching these videos and practising the sounds counts as a reading activity and should be recorded in the reading diary.

As your child learns more sounds and begins blending them together, they will start bringing home blending books and reading books. These can then be recorded in their diary too.

For now, the most important thing is to enjoy books together, listen to stories, talk about characters and pictures, and build positive reading habits. These shared experiences are the foundations of becoming a successful reader.

Research shows that children who regularly share stories with adults are exposed to hundreds of thousands more words before they start school, helping to build vocabulary, language and confidence. Every story shared makes a difference.

"Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and you will change everything. And I mean everything."
Jeanette Winterson

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can help your child develop a lifelong love of reading.

Kind regards,

Miss Haworth

Reception Teacher

Lanivet Community Primary School