

4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Reading at home for Reception

We will be sending home **three** books with your child every **Friday**. It is very important that you read with your child at home each week. You must **return** the books the **following Friday** so that we can give your child new books to read at home. We would also like you to write a comment in their reading record planner to say that they've read with you. We will outline what books your child will get and how you can support their reading at home.

1. **Phonics matched book** - These books will display the graphemes (written letters that represent the phonemes / sounds) on the front cover or inside the book, for example (**s a t p i n**). We would like you to encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to read this book independently. They have been learning the phonemes (sounds) to help them segment and blend to read the words. You can support your child by encouraging them to put their finger underneath each word and sounding them out from left to right, for example (**c-a-t cat**). Please remember to encourage your child to sight read the tricky words, for example (**no**). It is important for your child to read this book several times throughout the week. Please see here for information of our phonics programme: <https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/curriculum/subjects/phonics>
2. **Sharing book** – This is a quality text which you can read to your child. Your child will receive a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books that are perfectly pitched for their age group. You will see a sticker on the front cover of each sharing book that says **Reception Home Sharing Book**. We encourage you to ask your child questions about the book before and after reading each text. We have outlined some possible questions that you can use below.
3. **Library book** – Your child's class visits the library every week and they are allowed to select a book of their choice to take home. You can read this book to your child. We encourage you to ask your child questions about the book before and after reading each text. We have outlined some possible questions that you can use below.

### Questions you could ask your child:

Is this book fiction or non-fiction?

Did you enjoy this book?

How did this book make you feel?

Can you name the different characters?

What was your favourite event in the story? Can you explain why?

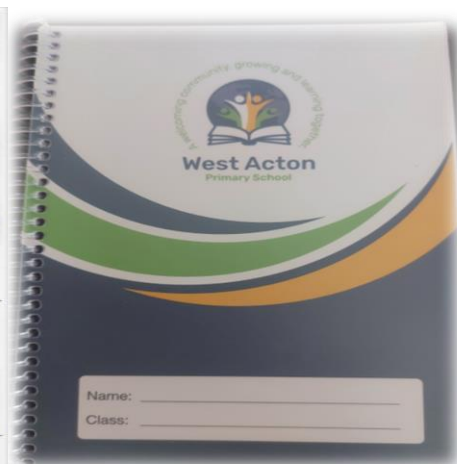
What do you think might happen next?

### Reading Record Planner

Week Beginning: 20th September 2021	
Homework / Activities	Messages / Letters
Monday	
Tuesday	Wash meet the New Year group presentation on teams.
Wednesday	Spellings London Car free play walk to school
Thursday	Timetables practice
Friday	Bring bike to school Monday!
Spellings I need to learn	Things to remember
because although sincerely	wear PE kit on Friday.

Reading Record	
My reading record	
Which book(s) am I reading this week? <u>The Secret Garden</u>	
Monday	Pages I have read and comments: <u>The Secret Garden</u> pgs 34-49
Tuesday	Pages I have read and comments: <u>The Secret Garden</u> pgs 49-58
Wednesday	Pages I have read and comments: <u>The Secret Garden</u> pgs 58-73 and (library) Earthquake and Volcanos
Thursday	Pages I have read and comments: <u>The Secret Garden</u> pgs 73-96 The book is getting really interesting!
Friday	Pages I have read and comments: <u>The Secret Garden</u> pgs 96-124
Saturday	Pages I have read and comments: <u>The Secret Garden</u> pgs 124-145 and Guinness Book of Records
Sunday	Pages I have read and comments: <u>The Secret Garden</u> pgs 145-173 I really liked the description in the book
Signatures	
Parent/Guardian: <u>(A. Parents)</u>	
Teacher: <u>(K.K.)</u>	



### Reminder

Most books are brand new and we would appreciate if they could be returned in good condition. We encourage you to remind your child to take extra care of all three books. This will help develop their independence at home and at school. Lost books will be charged at £5.00.

Thank you – we really appreciate your support in not only developing your child's reading skills but instilling their life- long love of reading.

### Visit our Library

Miss O'Neil and Mrs Wilkinson will be in our library after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Friday to show you how you can support your child with their reading.

Yours faithfully,

**Karen Kondo**  
Headteacher