



Duke Street Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carers

At Duke Street Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that every child develops a lifelong love of reading and becomes a confident, fluent reader. To support this, we plan to continue with the same home reading expectations this year. This will be in line with the home school agreement, shared when your child started with us in EYFS.

Research consistently shows that children who read regularly at home make significantly greater progress across all areas of the curriculum. Just 10-15 minutes of reading at home, three times a week, can make a substantial difference to a child's vocabulary, comprehension, confidence, and overall academic achievement.

While we work hard in school to provide high-quality reading opportunities, the role of parents and carers in encouraging reading at home is vital. Reading together, discussing books, and creating a calm, consistent routine around reading time all help foster a genuine love of books.

To support this initiative, we kindly ask that:

- Your child reads at home **at least three times per week**.
- You record each reading session in their reading diary.
- You return books to school once finished, so they can be changed regularly.

We will monitor reading habits closely and contact you if your child is not meeting the expected number of reads. Please be assured that we are here to support you in any way we can, whether it's with book recommendations, routines, or strategies to help make reading more enjoyable at home.

Together, we can make a lasting difference to your child's education.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Parkinson

Deputy Headteacher / English Subject Leader

