

Reading in Year 1, some guidance for parents

- Children are given/choose a book to bring home each evening
- Please sign in the yellow contact book when you have heard your child read
- Please send in reading books every day, even if your child hasn't read
- We have reading sessions every afternoon and listen to as many children read as possible
- If your child is struggling, we will listen to them read daily to develop their confidence
- Books will normally be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday (unless they haven't been read at home or at least twice for fluency)
- Children are encouraged to read their own book in class during reading time so may already know about the story when they get home. Please listen to them read again and ask them questions about the story/characters/setting/ending. If there are any particularly tricky words, explain or say them to your child and ask them to repeat the word back to you.
- FR = Free Reader – This means your child picks their own book from a box
- When we listen to children read at school, we are listening for them to be fluent (reading with flow), reading words by sight (without sounding out) and being able to answer questions about the story (comprehension). We will also listen out for expression as they become more confident.
- We will encourage the children to read both fiction and non-fiction
- We will endeavour to hear every child at least once a week – during this time we will assess to see how they are progressing

Please listen to your children read every day or as much as possible. Don't forget to read books to your child too! 😊

If you have any further questions, please contact us year1@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk