



Grove House School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Reading and Spelling Resources

At Grove House School we provide a range of opportunities to support our pupils to make progress with their reading and spelling. Some of these opportunities we are able to share with home to increase the time the children are engaged with them. We appreciate that this cannot always be the case due to individual circumstances and therefore there is no expectation to engage in these activities, but if you feel you can, even if only from time-to-time, then please do so.

Bug Club

Pupils are assessed on both their ability to decode and sight read words as well as on their comprehension of what they have read. We do this through hearing them read 1:1, in groups and through class activities, as appropriate. This is then used to assign them with a book band. When the adults in school, who are working with the pupil feel that they are ready to move on to the next progressive book band they change this band accordingly.

There is an online system, which links to the books we have in school, students can access at home. This system allows the pupils to have the book read to them or choose to read the book themselves. Throughout there are questions about the book which are identified by the bug symbol. The class teacher is able to assess and see how the child is doing through this.

Library Books

The pupils visit the school library regularly and are given the opportunity to borrow a book of their choice with no restriction on ability. This is to encourage their interest in books and the wide range that are available. When the previous loan is returned a new book can be taken. Feel free to read this with, or to your child if you feel it appropriate.

Nessy Reading and Spelling – This is an online program that allows the children to learn sounds and graphemes to support their reading and spelling. The children complete assessments which then set their targets and therefore challenges. If your child has worked through their challenges and needs further assessment please let us know so we can arrange this in school.

Important Information about the Online Programs

Google Chrome is the browser needed to run the websites successfully, and you may have issues with pop ups being blocked, so you will need to change your settings to allow this for these sites always. Your child's login details and passwords are glued into their planner.

If you have any questions on the above then please do get in touch via your child's planner or by telephone.

Kind Regards

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