

Dear Parents / Carers

This is the first reading newsletter of 2022/23 and already there is so much to recognise and celebrate for reading this first term! Reading is a key priority for our academy, but also of the Harmony Trust. At Hackwood we continue to raise the profile of reading through all the different strands from reading to understand, to phonics to reading at home and of course ... reading for pleasure! Thank you for your ongoing support with reading at Hackwood.

Miss Morley ☺

Our reading vision

Our reading vision is for ALL our children to READ to ACHIEVE to SUCCEED. We aim for EVERY child to leave Hackwood with the skills and a love of reading.

Each half term we have a reading award focused on an particular area of our reading strands. Last half term pupils were recognised for their enthusiasm and enjoying in 'Reading for Pleasure', this half term the recognition is 'progress and effort in reading skills and Phonics'.



Reading Ambassadors

We have introduced and appointed our four new reading ambassadors from Year 5&6. Congratulations to Skye, Isabelle, Muhammed and Polly.

Our reading ambassadors have the important role to promote a love of reading across the whole school, encourage others in school to read and find their own love of reading, recommend books and authors, support pupils with reading in the library at lunchtimes, keep the library and book areas tidy and to support Miss Morley and Mrs Bullivant with reading events across school, including our first BOOK FAIR coming Tuesday 22nd November!



Our school libraries

We are proud of our growing library at Hackwood and continue to develop it as a cosy and inviting place for our children to access. Every class visits the library weekly and gets to take home a book of their choice. We continue to order award winning texts and books by popular authors to ensure our children get the best reading diet possible! Each classroom also have a cosy reading area with current age related and topic books available to read. Our local libraries are:

Mickleover and Mackworth. They are both worth a visit And signing up to so you

can take more books home!



Mackworth library
3.7 ★★★★★ (7) ⓘ
Public library · Prince Charles Ave
Closed · Opens 10AM Thu · 01332 642410

Mickleover Library
4.6 ★★★★★ (26) ⓘ
Library · Holly End Rd
Closed · Opens 10AM Thu · 01332 647884

Reading partnerships

Reading at home

At school the children have opportunities to read daily, to themselves to others and hear their class novel. However, reading at home is half the journey. We have set a target of reading at home **four times** a week, parent/carers/older sibling/grandparents etc. Please record home reading in your child's diary. This is monitored and recorded in school weekly. Half termly certificates and rewards are up for grabs.

WHY READ 20 minutes AT HOME?

Student A Reads:	Student B Reads:	Student C Reads:
• 20 minutes per day	• 5 minutes per day	• 1 minute per day
• 3,600 minutes per school year	• 900 minutes per school year	• 180 minutes per school year
• 1,800,000 words per year	• 282,000 words per year	• 8,000 words per year



Dream Reading

Our EYFS team launched the new DREAM READs this half term. This is to promote the importance of simply reading, sharing and enjoying a night time story. To encourage families to read to their children every night and promote bed time routines and the importance of reading aloud to children as well as reading books linked to their reading level and answer questions on it.

This was a massive success and will be held again in the spring term!



Reading skills

This year we have introduced VIPERS into our reading skills lessons across KS1 and KS2. This is to support children in identifying key skills when reading, comprehending and answering questions.

V- Vocabulary

I – Inference

P- Prediction

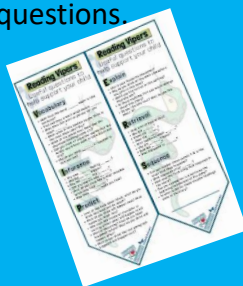
E – Explain

R- retrieve

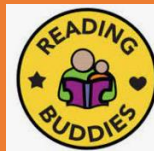
S – Sequence / Summarise

Please encourage your children to refer to these skills when reading and asking them questions on what they have read and currently reading.

This half term the children will also bring home a reading VIPERS bookmark to support with developing comprehension both at school and home



Reading Buddies across school



Every child in school now has a Reading buddy in a different year group. This is an opportunity for all children to be heard read and read to others across the week. The children thoroughly enjoy this time to read.

Our older reading buddies (KS2) will be having further training later on in the year to give them the skills in supporting children to read.



Reading events and dates to look out for:

Autumn:

- 22.11.22: Year 1 and Reception – Reading and Phonic parent workshop
- 22.11.22- 28.11.22: Scholastic Book Fair before and after school.
- Christmas Holidays reading challenge

Spring

- 30.1.23 -6.2.23 – National Story telling week.
- 14.2.23 – International book giving day <3
- 2.3.23 - World Book Day
- Spring term (Date TBC) - EYFS Spring Dream Reading

Summer:

- Summer 2 (Date TBC) - Summer reading picnic
- Summer Reading Challenge

