

Dear Parents & Guardians,

In 2017, Year in year 4 students will be bringing home a reading book each night to support their reading development.

The aim of our Home Reading program is not for children to read more difficult books as quickly as possible, but rather to enjoy reading and practise some of the skills and strategies they have learnt at school. Home Reading should be a relaxed and enjoyable experience.

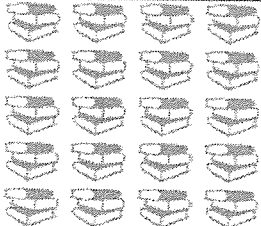


Many of the books that children bring home will be books that they will find fairly easy to read. In class, children will read at a higher level of difficulty as specific skills and reading strategies are taught. Home Reading is aimed at enjoyment and practise and because of this, children will be reading books they can read competently and with confidence in order to practise a range of reading behaviours without struggling with the text, the most important of these being comprehension. Children may read a book more than once, and are encouraged to continue to borrow and continue reading a chapter book until it is finished.

When your child brings a book home, you may decide if it is something you will read **to** your child, **with** your child or that can be read **by** your child.

Remember, our aim is to produce enthusiastic, lifelong Readers!

Kind Regards,

The year 4 team.

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.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
<p>If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.</p>		
<p>WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.</p>		