

Reading Newsletter

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Welcome Back

It has been so good to welcome everybody back to school and the children have settled back into school so well. We are all very proud of how well they have adapted to all of the changes. As the local picture continues to develop, things are still a little different and this will have an impact on how we need to approach reading. **Due to the requirement to limit the number of items that pass between home and school, we are still unable to send physical reading books home at this time.** However, it is vital that children get as much practise as possible with their reading, and the support they receive at home is crucial to enabling children to begin to catch up on lost time. Thank you for all of your continued support with reading.

Bug Cub

To support children with their reading and provide an everchanging supply of books for them to access, we will be using **Bug Club**. This is an online resource, which can be accessed via the following link : www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

All children have their own log in and this should now have been communicated to you by your child's teacher. Please bear with us whilst we continue to work on allocating the correct reading band to children after such a long break. To speed this process up it would be really helpful if you could also listen to your child read the allocated books and feed back to their class teacher if they are finding them too easy or too tricky. If you have any questions about the bug club resources, please contact your child's teacher.

Reading in School

Providing children with meaningful opportunities to develop their reading will continue to be a priority for everybody at Welton. Children will have opportunities for individual reading, group reading and whole class reading across the curriculum.



**"You're never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child."
-Dr. Seuss**

Reading For Pleasure

Research carried out by the National Literacy Trust, both before and during lockdown, has highlighted that children's enjoyment of reading has increased during lockdown. It would be amazing if we could continue to build on this as a school. Please continue to share books with your children, go to the library, read to them and make time for reading. The school website contains lots of stories being read by staff and there are hundreds of ebooks available on the oxford Owl website :

The book trust website also has links to audio books and videos of books being read aloud. You can find a link to it here :



Reading Records

Although we will not initially be sending reading records home, we will be using them in school where possible to track individual reading.

If you still have your child's reading record at home, could you please return it to your child's new class teacher.

Thankyou for your support with this. Reading Champion certificates will still be awarded to children on a weekly basis in our celebration assemblies. Initially, these will be based on children's engagement with the Bug Club resources.