

Reading expectations at Gateway Primary School 2023-24

Whole School

- Access to the 'Bug Club' phonics scheme and books
- Reading is celebrated in class with book corners and teachers share their passions for reading.
- A variety of stories and books are frequently shared with children
- Reading and comprehension skills are taught in class.
- Opportunities to attend reading events such as bedtime reading and book fairs
- World Book Day is celebrated in March

EYFS:

- Children will start the year with a sharing/choosing book. They will bring this home with a reading record. This book is to share as a family, and can be changed by parents as often as they want to (using the box outside the classroom). Parents are expected to make an entry in the reading record of each reading activity, commenting on the children's engagement with the story, their enjoyment etc. Parents could comment on the children noticing rhyme or letters from their name.
- When they are ready and blending their phonemes to read words, children will have 2 phonics books to bring home each week. These books will closely match the sounds they are learning or have learnt in phonics. When these books come home, the children are expected to do the reading. Books are changed on a Friday.
- Children should read at home five times per week, this can be their reading books or books on the 'Bug Club' online scheme. Parents will record this in their child's reading records. Each five reads at home will have a sticker in their reading record. Reading records are checked on a Friday and books are changed.
- Children are encouraged to read a mix of online books and traditional reading books.
- Children read with an adult at least once a week in school.
- In the EYFS we will celebrate World Nursery Rhyme week and visit the library in Carterton.

Key Stage One

- Children will have three books to take home per week: One of which closely matches the sound they are learning or have learnt in phonics, one which is of a similar phonics level and one of their choice from the class library or book corner. Books are changed on a Monday.
- Children should read at home five times per week, this can be their reading books or books on the 'Bug Club' online scheme. Parents will record this in their child's reading record. Each five reads at home will equal a housepoint.
- Children are heard reading by an adult once per week and children will access reading lessons in English and Guided Reading.

Lower Key Stage Two

- Children will have two books to take home per week. One which is appropriate for their reading ability, whether that be a coloured banded book or a chapter book. The other book is for pleasure, this could be a book harder or easier than the child's level which they can enjoy at home with family.

- Books are changed when appropriate.
- Children should read at home five times per week. Either independently or with an adult. This should be the book which matches their ability level. Reads should be recorded in reading records and children will be encouraged to write reflective comments which will be celebrated in class, Each five reads will equal a housepoint.
- Children will access reading lessons in English and Guided Reading.

Upper Key Stage Two

- Children will have one book which is appropriate for their reading ability.
- Books are changed when appropriate.
- Children should read at home five times a week. Either independently or with an adult.
- Children are using a 'Reading Tree' in school which encourages them to reflect on and celebrate their reading. Once a child has completed their reading book, they will review their book on a paper leaf and share/display with the rest of UKS2 on the 'Reading Tree'. One completed book will equal a housepoint.
- Children will access reading lessons in English and Guided Reading.