



Dear parents and carers,

**Reading at Avanti Park School**

At Avanti Park School, we are passionate about developing, encouraging and supporting our children to be active readers and want to create a 'love for reading' within our school.



As a school, we have been developing our reading curriculum and provision to ensure we provide a reading-centric environment. We have invested in our school library, ensuring high-quality book stock for all readers. We have completely refurbished the library space, including an incredible mural painting. In every classroom, we have created wonderful 'book corners' which the children can access throughout the school day.

To ensure your children receive the right level of support, our reading team have been working extremely hard to assess the children's reading current abilities, using a range of assessments to determine both gaps in both fluency and comprehension skills.

These assessments enable staff to ensure that your child receives the correct book, at the appropriate level. From 22.03.21, your child's class teacher will be sending home 2 reading books per week.

Your child will read with an adult once a week and their reading books will be changed on a weekly basis. This will be recorded in your child's reading record.

**Using the Reading Record book at home**

The reading record book is a fantastic way for you to record the reading that your child does with you at home. Inside the record book, you will find lots of useful information about ways to help your child with their reading. Please see the table below for some examples of useful and informative examples of comments that you could write in the Reading Record as a way to communicate this learning with your child's class teacher.

<u>Comprehension skills</u>	<u>Word skills</u>	<u>Attitude and interest</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understood the story well.</li> <li>• Good discussion about events in the story.</li> <li>• Retold the story in detail.</li> <li>• Could talk about the story confidently.</li> <li>• Answered questions about the content.</li> <li>• Needs to read again to improve understanding.</li> <li>• Used the pictures to assist understanding.</li> <li>• Needs lots of help to understand the main events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read all the words correctly</li> <li>• Found some words difficult</li> <li>• Tried hard to work out new words.</li> <li>• Good word building</li> <li>• Needs to practice again to reinforce the words.</li> <li>• Read accurately and confidently.</li> <li>• Was able to work out new words using picture clues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read eagerly</li> <li>• Enjoyed the story because .....</li> <li>• Fantastic expression.</li> <li>• Would benefit from reading again to improve fluency.</li> <li>• Has learnt all about..... and could explain in own words.</li> </ul>

If you have any questions about how to use the Reading Record or about your child's reading book, as always, please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher. Please visit our school website <https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/curriculum/reading-at-avanti-park/> for more details about how we are supporting your child's reading as well more resources to support reading at home.

Kind regards,

Miss Doran

Reading Leader