***Our Lady and St Philomena’s Catholic Primary School***



**Reading is the Key!**

Home reading record books are not changed on a daily basis for pupils in Years 1 upwards.

In Years 1 – 3, it is our approach that children should read a book over three nights in these year groups. Reading a book over three nights will increase a child’s familiarity with the text, which will improve their fluency. When children read at home, we do not want to simply improve their decoding skills, but also their fluency and comprehension. It is not unknown for a pupil to be able to decode all the words in a book, but without fully understanding what the text is about. The approach that parents should take is that on night one, children read the book and may make mistakes (which is acceptable – if they can read every word then they wouldn’t be extending themselves). On night two, they can re-read and try to add intonation to their voice and become familiar with the story. On night three, they add character voices and it becomes a story telling experience.

In years 4, 5 and 6, we want our pupils to move on to longer stories and novels to increase their reading stamina so it might be the case that a pupil has the same book for a number of weeks or even a whole half-term.



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