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Dobcroft Reading Bookmarks and Calendars

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share a brand-new reading initiative designed to encourage a love of reading at school and at home: the Dobcroft Reading Bookmarks and Calendars. Regular reading is the single most important thing a child can do to build their vocabulary, boost their imagination, and unlock success across all areas of learning. To support this, our new tools will completely replace the original reading records (reading diaries) moving forward.

The Monthly Home Reading Calendar

Instead of the old reading records, your child will now bring home a new reading calendar at the start of each month to track their reading routine. Children should read at home for **20 minutes, 3 times per week**. We kindly ask parents and carers to **sign the calendar** each time your child completes their home reading session and indicate whether they have read independently or to an adult. The calendars will be checked and signed weekly by the class teacher. Your child's class teacher will inform you which day this is.



Dobcroft Bookmarks

In today's assembly, the children have been introduced to the reading shelf bookmark. Every time they finish a book, they will fill in a book with the title, author, and date completed. Each week they will share the bookmark with their teacher, when they hand in the calendar. Once the bookmark is fully completed, your child will hand it in to Mrs Harding (Reading Lead). Every completed bookmark handed in will be entered into our exciting end-of-term raffle. Lucky students will win a reading voucher to spend on a brand-new book of their choice! The more bookmarks they complete, the more chances they have to win.

How You Can Support at Home

Establish a routine: Set aside dedicated time for your child to complete their 20-minute reading sessions.

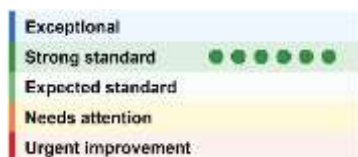
Keep it updated: Sign the calendar after each session, and help your child fill in the bookmark details as soon as they finish a book so they don't forget.

Celebrate completions: Remind them to take their finished bookmark to school right away to secure their raffle entry.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils become confident, enthusiastic readers which will enable them to access and engage in the full curriculum in school and beyond.

Warm regards,

Amy Harding and Heather Lythall
Reading Leads



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