

LKS2 reading guide - supporting Reading at Home: 5 Times a Week!

At Vernon Park, we encourage all our Key Stage 2 children to read at home at least 5 times a week. Reading regularly makes a huge difference to your child's progress, vocabulary, and confidence.

To help us track and reward their fantastic efforts, please record and sign their reading diary every time you read together.

How to Fill in Your Child's Reading Diary

Every time your child reads with you:

1. Date & Book Name (Left Side). Record the date and write down the title of the book they are reading. This can be:
 - Their School Reading Book (phonics or book band)
 - Their School Library Book
 - Any book of choice from home (bedtime stories, comics, or favourite picture books count too!)
2. Signature & Notes (Right Side). Put your signature or initials to show they have read. You are also welcome to add a short note about how they did (e.g., *"Great blending today!"* or *"Loved the pictures"*) but you don't have to.

Top Tips for Reading at Home:

- to 10 minutes of reading a day is much better than one long session at the weekend!
- Reading to your child (you reading a story to them) is just as valuable as hearing them decode words, feel free to log these shared story times in the diary too!
- When the children finish their book, they are able to swap it for a new one.
- Some children will keep the same book for a week, as re-reading is beneficial to them.

Thank you so much for your continued support and partnership in making reading a happy habit for your child.