



Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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Year 3 – 6 Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may already be aware, at Dashwood Academy we are passionate about reading and value the importance of fostering a love of reading in our pupils.

Reading is a vital skill needed to access all subjects of the curriculum and used throughout everyday life. Research has shown that reading ability has the biggest impact on children's academic success, with children who read daily achieving better exam results. Reading has also consistently proven to support children's mental well-being, improved social skills and creativity.

To help us to develop good reading habits, and make reading a regular occurrence for all children, we encourage you spend time each day reading with your child. This could be sharing a bedtime story and/or listening to your child read their school reading book.

As you are aware we currently send the children home with a reading book so they can practise reading aloud to an adult / spend time reading independently. Depending on their reading ability you will find they come home with either of the following:

- A levelled book to match their individual phonic knowledge and ability.
- A levelled book linked to our accelerated reader platform, which they can then complete a quiz on and linked vocabulary activity once they have finished reading.

(<https://ukhosted44.renlearn.co.uk/6702756>)

To further support reading home and to prompt conversation around reading we have made a new reading diary for your child. Please briefly sign the diary each time your child reads. You may also wish to add a comment about anything they found particularly difficult, or a challenge that they proudly overcame. Other comments may include how well your child answered some of the comprehension questions at the back of the book / on accelerated reader or a particular part they enjoyed. We will continue to allow the children to change their reading book as much as they would like as our reading corners are well stocked full of exciting stories waiting for them!

We hope you can join our ambition to support all children to become confident readers. Please don't hesitate to talk to a member of staff if you have any questions about our reading schemes or if you would like further support to help your child read at home.

Yours sincerely

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