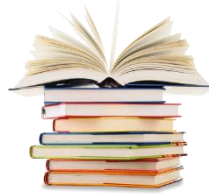




11th January 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

2019 is the year of Reading at Croxby and we are aiming for the children to read more widely and more often. There will be a big push on reading for pleasure and enjoyment and we aim to do this in the following ways:

Book Talk – Following recent staff training, we will be running our Guided Reading sessions following a model which enables pupils to engage in discussions about all texts but particularly fiction and stories. It equips pupils with skills to describe in detail what they found interesting about a text and use high level vocabulary.

Lead Texts – From years 1 – 6 we will continue to base our themed learning around a lead text, which has a Lexile level appropriate for each year group, ranging from Julia Donaldson's Zog in year 1 to Tolkien's The Hobbit in year 6. We regularly review these based on teacher and pupil feedback and adapt themes or change texts where necessary.

Class Story Time – We will finish each day with the teacher reading from the lead text or another class novel for 10 minutes. Exposure to a range of genres of books and authors will increase the children's language and love of stories. Research has shown that 20 minutes of stories each day has a massive impact on pupils' understanding of vocabulary and comprehension of texts. We hope that you will match the 10 minutes we pledge to read to the children at school, with 10 minutes of story time at home. Older children could read to you or to younger siblings.

Reading logs – we will continue to check reading logs so make sure that children are reading the books they have brought home from school. Please ensure that children are reading these at least 3 times a week and you are signing their logs. The class with the highest percentage of 'home readers' will be announced weekly in assemblies.

Read Theory - all classes (in years 2-6) have been issued with logins. This website can be accessed on a tablet or computer and allows pupils to read a short text and answer multiple choice comprehension questions. They receive knowledge points for quizzes taken and can also see the Lexile level of the texts they have read.

Look out on Twitter and in weekly newsletters for more news about Reading.

Yours sincerely

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