Reading at Larkfield Primary



Home Reading

At Larkfield we use two different reading schemes to enable the children to apply the skills learnt in school, at home. We also encourage parents to share a reading book with their child to foster a love of reading.

Dandelion Books Sent home on Monday Changed on Friday	 Dandelion books follow the Sounds Write synthetic phonics system* and allow us to closely match books to the children's developing phonics knowledge. Dandelion Books must be read daily. This is to allow children to become fluent and read with automaticity. They will only be changed when the child moves onto the next sound – this means that children may have the book for more than one week. The books should be reread as often as possible. Please utilise the activities in the back of each book.
Accelerated Reader Books Daily* see note	 When a child has become a fluent reader they will move to Accelerated Reader books. These books will be closely matched to their current reading abilities. A child chooses a book at the right level for them. A child reads the book until they are confident that they have understood the text. They can then complete a quiz about the book in school. A child then chooses a new book. *some children may be able to read a book daily and fully comprehend. Others may need to reread the book over a couple of days before fully understanding.
Library Books As required	Every Reception and Key Stage 1 class has their own class library box. We also have two libraries – The Secret Garden and Starbooks. All Key Stage 2 children can access the school libraries. A school library book is to be shared with a child. Younger children should have the library book read to them. Older children can read the book to an adult.

Year Group	Books your child will bring home
Reception	Dandelion Books Library Book
Key Stage 1	Dandelion Books Accelerated Reader Books (Year 2 - when fluent, see above) Library Book
Key Stage 2	Dandelion Books (if appropriate) Accelerated Reader Books Library Book

*See the Sounds-Write document for more details.