

The Round House Primary Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

After discussions with teachers, we have decided to make some changes to how reading is going to work at The Round House. We want to ensure that children foster a love of reading, whilst also developing the crucial skills required to access the world around them in a positive and engaging way.

AR reading – in which children read a book at an appropriate level for themselves, before taking a short quiz to gauge their understanding – will now take place in school. Children will carry out their 10 minutes of reading a day in their classrooms, as opposed to completing this at home. This time is hugely important in helping children to develop in their reading – if this time is done in school, we know that every child is achieving this goal as a minimum. This also means that physical reading diaries will no longer be sent home.

As AR reading will have been completed at school, children will now be free to read whatever interests and engages them most, at whatever level they choose: this could be a magazine, a cook book, an encyclopaedia, or even their AR book. There will be no requirement on time or frequency as we want children to read for pleasure, engaging with literature as they wish. Reading with your child is still such an important activity and a pivotal way of promoting reading; we know that this is something parents will still want to do, and we whole-heartedly promote this. A digital reading record - called Track My Read - will be used, with this extra reading being celebrated at school with a range of rewards. Please see the attached document on how to use this.

At the heart of everything, we want children to leave The Round House as able and avid readers - we believe that these changes will help everyone to move a step closer to achieving this.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher
On behalf of The Round House Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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