



# Dobcroft Junior School

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## Supporting your child with reading- new reading records

Dear Parents and Carers

Your child has come home with their new reading record this week. This year, we have delayed handing them out as we are reviewing our reading systems - including home/school reading- and wanted to communicate this system clearly with children and their adults.

You will be aware of how important reading is and this year it is one of our school priorities. We want to continue encouraging all pupils to read as regularly as possible and further develop good reading habits.

At Dobcroft, we see it as our role to inspire children to read- whether they are already an avid reader, through exploring and discovering new authors and genres, or supporting our lower attaining pupils to become confident and fluent readers, in order to further enhance their joy of books as well as helping them fully access the curriculum both in primary and secondary school.

There is unequivocal research that states that a child's academic progress/success is directly linked to how many books they have read. In 2021, PIRLS data for England showed that the pupils who said they liked reading the most scored, on average, 34 points more than those who said they did not like reading. In addition to this, the OECD found that the literacy scores for pupils who were 'highly engaged in reading' were significantly above the international average yet those who were 'poorly engaged' scored below it. As well as increased academic success, children who read avidly have been found to have heightened levels of social and emotional wellbeing, wider knowledge about the world and an ability to adopt new perspectives and develop empathy - something that we want for all of our pupils at Dobcroft.

We will be introducing many new initiatives throughout the year and are excited to be on our revitalised reading journey! We ask that you support us by reading the instructions at the beginning of the reading record, which outline how we are asking you to support your child's reading journey at home.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Laura Collis- Reading Lead

