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Dear Parents/Carers,

We want to let you know how our home school reading scheme will work this year. Reading is very important and we want to ensure your child is able to practise and develop their reading skills both at home and school.

Books from our reading scheme and the reading records will be kept in school to ensure adults can read with your child regularly.

Reading at home is incredibly important and we want to use reading at home as an opportunity to promote a love for reading, making it a special and enjoyable time for both you and your child. The reading record for this will be electronic as it will be in a folder on seesaw.

Each child will come home with a book from school for you both to read and enjoy. This book will have been chosen by your child, therefore it may be that you will need to support your child in reading it or even read it to your child and discuss it together.

Our expectations of how you and your child will read at home:

- Books will be looked after and handled with care.
- You and your child will add a comment, video or recording of the reading you have done onto seesaw. (Example - we read pages 2-3 and enjoyed it because....).
- A minimum of 3 comments a week are expected on seesaw
- Read the book ideally daily or at least three times a week.
- Return the book to school when your child has finished the book.
- Books returned to school will be quarantined for 72hours before they are added back to book shelves for other children to select.

We are also promoting North Tyneside Library service as they have an electronic service, which will give you and your child access to a wide range of ebooks and audiobooks. This will allow your child to loan books from the library electronically for pleasure throughout their time at Stephenson and beyond.

In order to have access to this you as an adult will need to be a member of the library service and then set up a login for Borrow Box. If you have a library membership already, you can use those details for the app. If not please sign up electronically. The electronic membership lasts for one year then can be renewed. Once you have done this, you and your child will have access to a great range of ebook and audiobooks through the app. This app can be downloaded on any Apple or Android device. If you have more than one child, you can login to the app on more than one device so will only need create a membership and login once.



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How to become a member of the library:

Complete the electronic form - <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/northtyneside/join>

You will need to enter: your name, date of birth, address and email address.

This will provide you with an electronic membership - details will be sent to you email address. If you are already a library member, you can use your membership number and details to login to the app.

How to access the ebooks and audiobooks:

Download the Borrow Box app on your device.

Activate/login by using your library membership details.

Once you have done this, you will be emailed with full login details.

Use these details to login and you are ready to use the app.

We hope that you enjoy reading with your child and if you have any questions please ask.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Taylor