

# Eversley Primary School



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Dear year 4 parents

As you are aware, reading is very important to your child's education. If a child reads 20 minutes per day, it offers them the advantage to score in the top 10 percent of national assessments. In addition to your child reading at home, we want to push reading in the year 4 classrooms. Unfortunately, this past term children have been taking books home but rarely have a book to read the next day in class. This results in them spending ten minutes looking for a suitable book at their level and disrupting a time in class that should be quiet reading.

To combat this issue, we are going to trial something new. Children will be given a zip lock bag with their name on. This bag will have their reading book at their level and an additional book they bring in from home if they wish. They will also have their reading records so that this is all kept together. Reading records will still be checked as they normally are on a Tuesday. Hopefully this will mean that when you read at home you can write in their record, and when we have reading time in class they can read and quiz their book before changing it for another one. We can also keep an eye on their books and if an adult wants to read with a child, they have a book available saving lots of lost time.

Every morning when the children enter the class, they will have a tray on their desk where they can keep their book bag. At the end of the day, children will have a book in their bag to bring home. The children will be briefed in this and they will know what the class expectations are. There will be rewards for children who read and bring their books in that will be individual to their class teacher in addition to the school reading treat and other incentives the school offer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Burrus & Mr Lawday