Home-School Reading Policy

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Working Together to Develop Lifelong Readers

At Haseltine, we believe that reading is one of the most important skills a child can develop. Children make the greatest progress when school and home work together. Regular reading at home builds confidence, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of books.

Reading at Home

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Read or share a book with their child every day.
- Record each reading session by signing the Reading Record (at least) 5 times a week.
- Ensure that the Reading Record is brought into school every day so that teachers can monitor reading and communicate with families.

Sharing a book can include:

- Reading a book to their child.
- Listening to their child read.
- Sharing and discussing a picture book together.

Reading Books

Each child will be sent home with two books:

- A reading practice book that is carefully matched to a child's phonics knowledge and reading fluency. This book should be read several times during the week to build confidence, accuracy and expression.
- A Reading for Pleasure book chosen by their child to encourage enjoyment of reading and develop a love of books.

Bringing Books to School

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

- Reading Records should be brought into school every day.
- Reading books should be brought to school every Friday so that books can be checked and changed.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)

- Reading books and Reading Records must be brought into school every day.
- Books will be changed as needed by the class teacher.

Monitoring Home Reading

Teachers will regularly monitor Reading Records to ensure that children are reading at home.

If a child is not reading and sharing books at home at least five times each week, or if Reading Records are not being completed, a reminder letter or email will be sent home by the class teacher. This is not intended as a punishment but as a way of working together to support a child's progress.

A template for this letter is saved in the Reading folder.