



**ANSTON HILLCREST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Our values are: RESPECT, RESILIENCE,  
TEAMWORK, KINDNESS & ASPIRATION**



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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Year 1 and 2,

Here at Anston Hillcrest, we do everything we can to help your child to learn to read; from daily phonic sessions in some classes to designated reading time in groups and individually. It is of utmost importance to learn to read as this will enable your child to access the curriculum. We don't just want your child to read well; we want to enable them to be confident when they come across words they haven't been exposed to before as they read about new concepts or ideas and also develop a love of reading.

We know from research all over the world that children who read widely and often are more successful at school than those who don't. We are sure you will have heard the statistics before: if you read a story every day to your child, by the time they are 5, they will have heard 1825 stories! This has been proven to support children's knowledge of people and the world as well as developing a love of reading.

Our recent assessments and checks of learning logs have shown that the children who are reading at home are making the most progress. We are concerned that the children who are not practising at home are not going to make enough progress to meet the expected standard before they move into their next class.

Your child has been given a phonics book and a reading for pleasure book. Please ask them to read their phonics book to you daily. Every time a book (or a few pages) is read by your child, please complete their learning log in the Spring 1 section for that day with the name of the book and a signature. You can also make a short comment if you wish to. This enables us, as a school, to ensure that your child is reading the correct level of book and to celebrate all of their efforts at home.

If you'd like to come in and read in school as a 'mystery reader' we would love that- please contact your child's class teacher- the idea of families (Parents or other family members) coming in and sharing a book from home at the end of the day to their child's class would be great! It's been a success in some of the other Trust schools and Mrs Rayner would love for it to happen here. If easier, it could always be a video message for those who are at work!

If you have any questions regarding reading and how you can support your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Curle, Miss Leaver and Mrs Baker