



Parent's Guide to Home Reading at Cwmaber



Juniors

The Curriculum in Wales is changing. At Cwmaber Juniors we are improving the way in which we use our Home Reading Books and Diaries. In our exciting new curriculum we will be cultivating a reading ethos within each lesson. This will look different in each lesson enabling our pupils to have a rich and varied diet of reading. Our pupils will have experiences of being taught specific reading skills in discrete, purposeful lessons, listening to linguistic role models reading to them, reading to each other, reading for pleasure, reading for information and to encourage a passion for reading which, will create lifelong readers.

Reading at Cwmaber Juniors

Reading is one of life's most essential skills. At Cwmaber Junior School we hope that all children will develop a love of books, enthusiasm for promoting their reading skills and grow to be confident, competent readers. As a parent or carer, you play a vital role in supporting your child's reading development, our partnership between home and school is essential for success with this life skill.

Changes to the way in which we use our Home Reading Books and Diaries

Pupils will continue to bring home a Reading Book and Diary. These will be chosen by the pupils (with direction from staff if needed) to encourage them to learn to select appropriate and interesting books for themselves. The emphasis for these books is now for you to work in partnership with your child, to read regularly at home and for you to write in their diary. Your child will be able to swap these books in school when they have read them and then bring home another new book. Upper Phase (D3 and D4 - Mrs Williams/Miss Knight/Miss Shelmerdine) can return and swap books as and when needed but Lower Phase (D1 and D2 - Miss Howells/Miss Boanas/Mrs Dann) can bring their books in on any day but new books will only be changed and given out on Wednesdays and Fridays.

As parents and carers, you can help support this 'Reading Journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to your child's achievements. Thank you for your continued support.

Here are some tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read - even ten minutes a day.
2. Take turns to read.
3. Talk about the book - asking your child questions.
4. Encourage your child to ask you questions using the Big Six - Who? What? When? Where? How? Why?
5. Read any non-school book, comic, game etc. and record it in their Reading Diary.

We feel that these changes will continue to ensure a rich and varied diet of reading for all our pupils. Happy Reading!