

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - April 24th 2019

Reading Scheme

Our school reading scheme is being updated!

Children will continue to be assigned a coloured reading band based on their reading age. However, we are using new assessments to ensure their reading band is as accurate as possible. In addition to this, our new system for banding books progresses to a higher level than the previous system. This increased range may mean that your child was on 'Free Reader' but will now return to being on a banded book. This updated approach will ensure children are reading texts which offer appropriate support and challenge. Children can still choose a library book to take home too; selecting books is an invaluable part of reading for pleasure. A copy of the coloured bands is shown here for your reference.

| | Approx. Reading Age | Reading Recovery | Book Band |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Pink/Magenta Starters 1 | 4.5 | 1 | 1 |
| Pink/Magenta Starters 2 | 4.5 | 2 | 1 |
| Red 1 | 5.0 | 3 | 2 |
| Red 2 | 5.0 | 4 | 2 |
| Red 3 | 5.0 | 5 | 2 |
| Yellow 1 | 5.5 | 6 | 3 |
| Yellow 2 | 5.5 | 7 | 3 |
| Yellow 3 | 5.5 | 8 | 3 |
| Blue 1 | 5.5 - 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Blue 2 | 5.5 - 6 | 10 | 4 |
| Blue 3 | 5.5 - 6 | 11 | 4 |
| Green 1 | 5.5 - 6 | 12 | 5 |
| Green 2 | 5.5 - 6 | 13 | 5 |
| Green 3 | 5.5 - 6 | 14 | 5 |
| Orange 1 | 6 - 6.5 | 15 | 6 |
| Orange 2 | 6 - 6.5 | 16 | 6 |
| Turquoise 1 | 6.5 - 7 | 17 | 7 |
| Turquoise 2 | 6.5 - 7 | 18 | 7 |
| Purple 1 | 7 - 7.5 | 19 | 8 |
| Purple 2 | 7 - 7.5 | 20 | 8 |
| Gold 1 | 7.5 - 8 | 21 | 9 |
| Gold 2 | 7.5 - 8 | 22 | 9 |
| Silver 1 / white | 8 - 8.5 | 23 | 10 |
| Silver 2 / white | 8 - 8.5 | 24 | 10 |
| Emerald 1 / Lime | 8.5 - 9 | 25 | 11 |
| Emerald 2 / Lime | 8.5 - 9 | 26 | 11 |
| Ruby 1 | 9+ | 27 | |
| Ruby 2 | 9+ | 28 | |
| Sapphire 1 | 10+ | 29 | |
| Sapphire 2 | 10+ | 30 | |

The teachers will not be sending out any new reading books after today, and we ask that all reading books are returned by **Friday 26th** so that we may finish labelling the remaining books according to our new sticker bands. Thanks for your support with this matter.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit at school every day which will be worn for PE lessons and after-school active clubs. PE kits should be brought to school on the first day of term and will be taken home at the start of each holiday. Children attending after-school active clubs will be asked to change back into school uniform to ensure their kit is in school for the following day.

A reminder that school PE kit includes:

- a white T-shirt
- red shorts or black/dark blue jogging bottoms
- sandshoes or trainers
- long hair tied back
- all jewellery/accessories removed

Please note that tights will not be permitted to be worn under PE shorts. In this instance children may need to bring socks. As the weather warms up, lessons may be delivered outside so appropriate, well-fitting footwear is essential.

If children do not have the appropriate kit, they will not be permitted to participate in the active elements of the lesson but will be given a support role so they can still access the key learning points of the lesson. Many thanks for your support in this area.

Welcome

We are delighted to have some new children and families at our school. We'd like to warmly welcome Luke (Year 3), Stephen (Year 6) and Leila (Year 1). We hope that they will be very happy at our school.



Twitter

We have noticed that if you are following our school account @pg_primary and your account is locked (private), then we are not able to view your comment. We can see that there is a comment been made, but cannot read it. Just in case you thought we were ignoring some messages!

Adult helpers

Mrs Lawrence is wondering if there are any parents who would like to volunteer to help in Nursery specifically. If you would like to help, please see the school office if you do not have a current enhanced DBS. Thank you!

SATs information for Year 2 & 6

Parents of Year 2 and Year 6 children tonight will be receiving some information about the upcoming SATs in May. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.



Tracey Taylor
Headteacher

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