



# St. Luke's Church of England School

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## Reading at home 20/21 New reading scheme 1.10.20

Dear St. Luke's Families,

Thank you for your patience while we have been organising our new reading scheme at St. Luke's and preparing our processes for sending books home which are Covid safe.

We have invested in a new reading scheme for the school. Currently, these new books start at lilac books (no words), through to white books. We are hoping to extend this further with books to further support, extend and challenge our pupils in Key Stage 2 soon.

The new scheme is called '**Reading Planet**'. Reading Planet is made up of four strands:

	– wordless books to ensure all children develop essential early language skills.
	– exciting books that help children practise phonics skills in context.
	– adventure stories following the lives of Rav, Asha, Tess and Finn, four friends from Comet Street.
	– inspiring fiction, non-fiction, poetry and biographies to capture the interest of every child.

Alongside these new books your child will also be sent home books from our existing library of home readers to ensure there is a depth and breadth to each child's experiences with books.

### Colour bands – THESE HAVE CHANGED

As many of you are aware, reading schemes are often organised by colour bands to ensure every child has a reading book which matches their stage of reading. The Reading Planet scheme of books also follows a colour band scheme but it is **different** to the scheme we have had in previous years.

As a result, your **child's reading colour will change**. For example, if previously your child was reading blue books, they will now be reading yellow. Every child is assessed regularly and will be moved onto the stage of book which is correct for them.



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### Book changing days

Your child's reading book will be changed regularly. The books will then be quarantined for a minimum of 48 hours before being sent to another child.

**Years 1-6** will change their books on **Tuesdays and Fridays**.

**Reception** will change their books on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**.

Please do not bring the books in on any other days as we will not change them. Books will only be changed on these days.

### How to help your child at home

Being able to read the words in a book is only one skill; reading is more than just reading words. Understanding the text: predicting outcomes, discussing character's feelings or actions, finding key information, identifying rhyming and language patterns and forming opinions; are all equally important when it comes to reading development.

The new books have suggestions on how best to support your child when reading at home, including key words they may need support with and discussion suggestions. On the back page there are also suggested questions to ask your child.

Your child will have the same book for 3 or 4 days. In these days you can spend time discussing their ideas, predicting what might happen, focusing on reading the text and learning new or unfamiliar words, answering questions about the story/text and learning to read with expression.

Please continue to complete your child's reading diary daily to feedback to your teacher about your child's reading and development at home.

For further information please see the Curriculum section on our website, where you can find guides for supporting your child at home in a range of languages too.

We hope your child enjoys reading our new scheme; we would like to thank you in advance for supporting us with looking after the books at home; they have been a significant investment to support the progress of all the children at the school.

Yours sincerely,

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