

# Rossall Junior School

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## Junior School Reading Records

Dear Parents,

This year your child(ren) will have a reading record to go alongside the Prep diary. This will serve as the channel of communication for daily reading between home and school.

I hope it will improve the monitoring and support your child requires with their home reading. There is space for you and your child's teacher to make comments about their reading.

### Reading at home

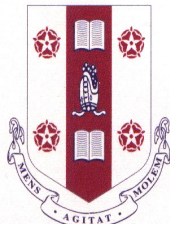
#### ***When?***

Help your child to enjoy reading each day by making it part of their routine. A short daily session without distractions is better than an occasional long one. Your child's achievements in both reading and record keeping will soon become apparent.

#### ***With whom?***

Reading time is quality time for whoever is involved. There is no need for your child to read with the same adult every day. By talking with different family members or friends about his or her reading, your child will learn to enjoy a range of books. By understanding their own likes and dislikes and discussing them, children learn to respect the preferences of others.

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### *How?*

Help your child to enjoy reading by encouraging good expression and by discussing the content - e.g. first, talk about the title, the author's name and the type of book (genre). Then discuss any links that the subject matter may have with events that the child has experienced. If the book is fiction, discuss the setting, plot (what happens), main character and favourite characters. If the book is non-fiction, ask: what have you learned? Is the subject explained clearly? What do you notice about the layout of the book? Are the pictures and diagrams helpful?

### *Why?*

This record book will help encourage your child to establish a regular habit of reading and record keeping. Make full use of the reading record to focus on your child's progress and give praise at every opportunity.

This is meant to be helpful advice and support to ensure happy, confident readers.

Happy Reading!

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