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Reading at Home

Dear Parent/Carer,

We love reading at Hamstel and we really appreciate your help in encouraging your child to read at home. Reading with an adult makes a big difference. Even when children can read independently, having someone listen helps them with tricky words, understanding what they have read and learning new vocabulary.

Our home reading routine

Years 3 and 4	Approximately 15 minutes each day
Years 5 and 6	Approximately 25 minutes each day

Which book should they read?

Priority: Your child has a library book that matches their reading colour. This book should be read every night with an adult.

Optional Extra: Children can also choose a second book of any colour. This does not replace their reading-colour book and, if read, should also be shared with an adult.

Don't forget the home school diary

After reading, please record and sign your child's home school diary, as shown in the diagram.

Children earn house points for reading at home and we often celebrate classes that read regularly in our weekly newsletter.

Date	Reading Record	Parent's Signature
Monday	George's Marvellous Medicine p. 18-114 Jack read pages 115-120	KT
Tuesday	p. 120 – 128 p. 128 – 130 Mrs Jones Jack read pages 130-135	KT
Wednesday	The Butterfly Lion p 1 – 11 Jack read pages 11-20	KT



Tips for reading together

You don't need to be a reading expert! Listening and talking about the book is a great help.

- Listen to your child read aloud.
- Talk about what is happening in the book.
- Ask simple questions: What happened? Why did they do that? What might happen next?
- Help with tricky words and talk about what new words mean.
- Praise their effort, especially when they keep trying.
- Enjoy it together. Make reading a relaxed and positive part of your day.

If you have any questions or need any additional help setting up a reading routine at home, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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