

Books to be sent home: expectations 2023-2024

We encourage children to read at home daily; research suggests that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of success in later life (OECD, 2002). The earlier parents become involved in their children’s literacy practices, the more profound the results and longer lasting the effects (Mullins et al, 2004). These are the expectations for books that children read at home whilst at Mere Green.

What are the different books?

- RWI Oxford Owl Ebook: an online copy of their current phonics book for them to read to parents.
- RWI book bags / Oxford Owl home readers: a new book for children to read to parents, closely matched to their reading ability.
- Library books: a book the child has chosen to read with a parent or read independently.

Year group	RWI Ebook (<i>Oxford Owl</i>)	RWI book bag book OR Home reader (<i>closely correlated with reading ability</i>)	Library book
N			✓
R	✓ *Flashcards in Autumn term/ Virtual Classroom videos	✓ RWI book bag book if your child is in red group onwards	✓
1	✓	✓ RWI book bag book - all children	✓
2	✓	✓ RWI book bag book – RWI ✓ Home reader– Shared Reading	✓
3	*If child is on RWI	✓ Home reader – all children	✓
4	*If child is on RWI	*Home reader - if child is on a reading intervention	✓
5	*If child is on RWI	* Home reader - if child is on a reading intervention	✓
6	*If child is on RWI	* Home reader - if child is on a reading intervention	✓

When are the books changed?

- RWI Oxford Owl Ebooks: Books will be assigned by RWI phonics teachers every Friday.
- RWI book bag books / Home readers: Books are changed weekly. **Books must be returned by Wednesday.**
- Library books: These are changed weekly during your class’ weekly library slot. Please speak to the class teacher to find out when this is.

What if a book isn’t returned?

If a child has not bought back their home reader:

- First intervention: Dojo message home
- Second intervention: Teacher to contact parent
- Third intervention: Phase Leader to contact parent
- Fourth intervention: Reading Lead to contact parent

Staff responsible for changing RWI book bag books / home readers each week			
Staff to keep a register of books bought back each week			
Nursery	Crystal	Yr 3	Tina W
Reception	Phonics teachers	Yr 4	Katheryn
Yr 1	Phonics teachers	Yr 5	Kirsty
Yr 2	Phonics teachers / Emma or Rebecca for Shared reading)	Yr 6	Kully

