

WESTWOOD WITH IFORD SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we recently reduced the amount of homework that we were asking children to complete, as our focus for this year is to develop a reading and writing culture across the school, with children developing an even greater love of books, reading and writing.

One of the main reasons for reducing the amount of homework was so that it afforded more time for parents to read with their children and enjoy supporting them in their development. We have asked that parents read with their children at least three times a week, however, we have noticed from the reading log that your child has not been read with as much as we had hoped.

As a busy working parent myself, I consider it hugely important to make time to read with my girls regularly throughout the week so that their love of books is maintained and I am there to listen, enjoy and support their reading development. Setting aside 15 minutes or so at least three times a week, I would hope, does not impact too greatly on home life, but will make such a difference in working with us to ensure that our reading and writing culture throughout the school flourishes.

I hope that you were able to attend the Home School Partnership and Reading Meeting on Thursday, as this was so useful in providing strategies and tips for reading with your child. If not, please do approach your child's teacher and they will be happy to help.

As a school, it should be possible to work together successfully to ensure that our children leave Westwood as confident and enthusiastic readers.

Best wishes

Ian Rockey
Headteacher

