



ADAMINABY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Home Reading

Home readers were sent home this week. Students are encouraged to read every night and fill in their log books.

We have given kindergarten students, who are not yet reading, books to take home as well, so that they can 'be like the big kids', and to create a good habit and attitude toward changing their book. For them, their home reading will be a little different. You may read their book to them, perhaps encouraging them to repeat the words back to you.

For our other young readers - up to about a level 25 - they will take home a book at their 'independent level'. This should be a level that they can read with out too much help and is for practise and to grow their confidence. We will be working on more challenging books in the classroom!

It is important that young readers read every night, **aloud** to someone. Data shows that the children who get this consistent practise are generally much more confident and achieved readers. This also impacts other areas of literacy such as writing and vocabulary skills.

Our independent readers (above level 25) can have more choice on what they choose to use as their home reader. They may still borrow from the home reading selection but alternatively they may choose a book from the library, a book from home, a digital book on an iPad, information from a website, a magazine article or a newspaper. I've explained to students that although all of these options are acceptable, it would be beneficial for their reading to vary the reading that they do, so that they are not reading from just one source.

Independent readers may read to themselves for at least 15 mins each night, but every now and then it is still good practise to read aloud to someone.

