

## Information about Reading Journals

At Little Eaton, children in years 4-6 transition from a reading diary to a reading journal. This information is intended to give you a brief guide to reading journal expectations.

At the start of Year 4, reading journals will be introduced and children will initially be heavily guided and supported. Once a routine has been established, this will allow children to explore possible options and become more independent in organising their journal in their own way. Parents are still encouraged to read regularly with children and continue to add comments into journals. Journals will be checked by a member of staff on a weekly basis.

In school each Monday, children will set up one page of the journal for the week. The layout is the same each week:

Date

Title of book they are reading:

Mon –

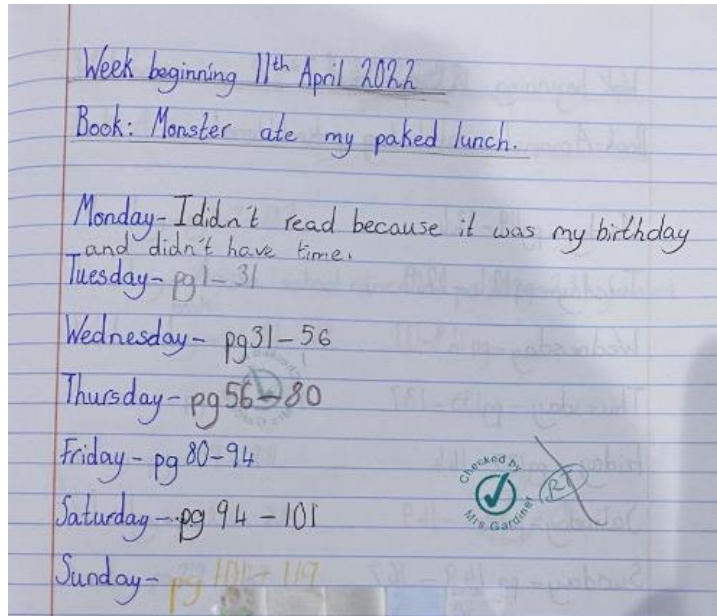
Tue –

Wed –

Thur –

Fri –

Weekend –



Children are asked to record the page numbers they read each night. Whilst we expect daily reading for a minimum of 15-20 minutes, occasionally busy lives prevent this and children are asked to leave that day blank.

The remainder of that page is free for children to draw pictures, add comments, make recommendations, ask questions, give the book a star rating, collect facts/language etc based on their reading experience. Not every week will require them to complete a long, detailed task, but a short reflection is encouraged and rewarded with raffle tickets. A list of possible activities connected to books has been added to the front of the journal for inspiration.

Some weeks, a 'let's talk books' sticker prompt will be included as part of children's homework that week. This task must be completed in the journal and will form the basis of a discussion carried out in class.

### Key points:

- Journals should be in school **every day**.
- They will be set up in school each week.
- Children need to record the pages read each night.
- Parents are encouraged to read with children and make comments as appropriate.
- They will be checked by an adult in school on a weekly basis.

Some examples:

