



# RED HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

This week we will be introducing the children to our reading books. In Nursery, we start with wordless books. The aim of these books is to encourage the children to talk about the story by looking at the pictures. We are also teaching these key concepts:

1. print has meaning;
2. print can have different purposes;
3. we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom;
4. the names of the different parts of a book;
5. page sequencing.

The children will also choose a picture book to share at home. We allow the children the opportunity to take the same book home more than once as we feel that having a favourite book is important to encourage enjoyment of reading.

We have also subscribed to an online reading book site called Rising Stars. Some books may be allocated by your class teacher. These may be supported by additional tasks (and rewards) to aid understanding.

Your login details can be found below.

Once on the site:

<https://my.risingstars-uk.com/>

Type in username and password:

Username and password are Year of exit from school (see below) and initials:

- Pre nursery – 35
- Nursery – 34
- Reception – 33

E.g. Amy Child in Nursery, would have the login: 34ac

- Type in centre ID 389282
- Once you login, agree to terms and conditions.
- Please check your name has appeared on the page as we do have a couple of children with matching initials. If you do find you have gone into another person's area, please contact Mr McKay who will share an alternative password.
- Click on the key stage your child is in (Nursery is EYFS/Key Stage 1).
- Click on MENU.
- Choose the colour band of books your child currently reads (Lilac).
- Select a book.
- Click on the book and start reading.

## Red House Readers

For each book your child reads at home, please write the title, date and sign the Red House Readers record sheet; sent home this week. Once your child has read 20 books (any book, book band, Rising Stars, library or personal) they can give their completed record to the teacher and your child will receive a certificate in the weekly achievement assembly.

Any questions please contact your class teacher, or for technical issues e.g. passwords please contact me on [mckay@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:mckay@redhouseschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I. Barnbrook-McKay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I' and a decorative flourish at the end.

Mr Ian Barnbrook-McKay