



Reading books

On entry to school, your child will complete a reading assessment to generate their reading age. Each week your child will receive a book-banded reading book specifically matched to their reading age.

Please take 5 minutes daily to listen to your child read this book and record this in their diary. Books will be changed weekly.

Phonics books (Rec - Y3)

Regular phonics assessments are completed to ensure your child is provided with the appropriate learning.

Each week, your child will bring home a specific phonics book tailored to their learning in school that week. This will be based on a 3 day or 5 day plan. Please make sure books are in school everyday as we can only send a new book home if the previous one has been returned.

Please note: books are signed out to each individual child. If books are not returned, a cost will be charged to parents.

100 Book Challenge!

Across the school children participate in the 100 book challenge! For Reception the challenge is to read up to 50 books. From years 1 - 6, the challenge is for children to read 100 books within their phase (year 1 & 2, year 3 & 4, year 5 & 6).

These books are to be read for pleasure and enjoyment. We suggest parents read these to children, as well as children reading themselves.

Your child's diary

- Every child will have a school diary from Sept - July & receive a new diary in the next academic year
- Consent, permissions and rewards are recorded within the diary
- There are also some resource pages

What we ask from parents/carers:

- Listen to your child read a minimum of 3 x weekly
- Support your child in practising their spellings a minimum of 3 x weekly
- Record reading, spellings and maths practise in diaries
- Sign to say your child has read (when they do)
- Note messages to your child's teacher if necessary/needed
- Return the diary to school daily



Spelling Books

Super Spelling!

Garden Book
Phase 2 and 3



Super Spelling
My Book

Which book?

On entry to a new year group, your child will complete 'The Big Spelling Test'. This will provide spellings personalised to them.

Your child may have a blank book, this will include spellings specifically not retained which may have been previously learnt.

Set 1	eyes	✓	✓
a			
an			
is			
it			
Set 2	eyes	✓	✓
if			
in			
as			
at			
Set 4	eyes	✓	✓
dad			
had			
get			
big			
Set 5	eyes	✓	✓
not			
got			
his			
up			

Checking words

- Spellings will be tested every 2 weeks in sets of 4/5 as stated in the spelling books.
- We practise spellings in school, and encourage practising spellings at home with an adult. When practising, spellings are read within a sentence.
- Once all sets within a book are completed, your child will receive the next book.
- Records in spelling books are for school to complete:
 - The 1st column will be recorded with a tick if the child can say the word.
 - The 2nd column will be ticked if the spelling has been spelt correctly.
 - The 3rd column will be ticked when the child is tested gold bar - this will be when they have completed a number of sets to check if spellings have been retained.

Heath Hayes Academy

What's in your child's bag – and what to do with it!



Your child's Hero's Journal

- Every child will have a Hero's Journal which will stay with them throughout their time at Heath Hayes Academy Rec – Year 6.
- This is where children will record their additional extra curricular learning at home.

Year Group	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Be open 	Take a swimming lesson Make a trail with sticks	Riding bike without stabilisers Make a mud pie	Tying your shoelaces Ride a horse
Be kind 	Participate in a charity event Make a home for a wild animal	Participate in a charity event Check out the crazy creatures in a rock pool	Participate in a charity event Catch and release butterfly safely
Be brave 	Participate in a new sporting event - skipping Roll down a really big hill Play with snow	Participate in a new sporting event Build a den Hunt for bugs	Participate in a new sporting event Climb a tree Find some frog spawn
Believe 	Try a new food Walk in the mud Visit a farm	Try a new food Fly a kite Hold a scary beast!	Try a new food Catch a fish in a net Play push sticks
Be the Hero! 	Visit a place of interest in local history Marquis Drive Pick wild fruit and try it	Visit a place of interest in local history Museum of Connock Chase Jump over waves	Visit a place of interest in local history Boscobel House Explore inside a tree



They can select challenges from 5 areas:

- Be open
- Be kind
- Be Brave
- Believe
- Be the Hero

These activities are designed to expand your child's experiences and develop their own hero's journey. Once your child has completed one challenge in an area they will receive a certificate. When your child has completed 2 or more activities from one challenge area your child will receive a sew on badge for their hero's cape! Your child will receive their cape once they have earned their first badge,

What we ask from parents/carers:

- Complete challenges from each area with your child.
- Indicate completion of challenge on the circle that matches the area.
- Include your own challenges for each area on the blank page.
- Take the opportunity to share with us by including a picture and information of a challenge of your choice!

Reception

Be open

Be kind

Be brave

Believe

Be the Hero!

Can you add any of your own challenges?

Reception Challenge Log

Towards the end of the term, we will inform you of dates to send your child's Hero's Journal into school. These will be checked to identify if your child needs to receive a certificate or badge,