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Dear Parents/ Carers,

A big welcome back and thank you again for your support over this difficult time. The children have settled in really well and appear to be happy to be back in a routine.

As a school, we want to kick start children's learning straight away and continue to promote and support their reading in school and at home; as this is still one of the main priorities for school.

Each week children will be sent home with new reading books in their reading book bags. See attached letter for information. In order to encourage and promote home reading, we have a new reading incentive in place in school.

Each class has a reading tree display within their classroom. The aim is for children to move from the bottom of the tree to the top of the tree on a weekly basis. In order for them to achieve this, they will have to read at least 4x at home; with a parent or carer signature in their reading record to support this. Once children have reached the top of their reading tree by the end of the week, they will receive a reading certificate and 4x Do jo points.

However, our rewards do not stop there....

If your child reaches the top of their reading tree each week for the whole half term, then they will take part in a reading reward activity at the end of each half term. The activities will be different each half term and will take place during school time. I.e. toasting marshmallows on the fire pit/ cinema afternoon.

We would really appreciate your help and support with home reading. Let's get children reading!

Kind Regards

Miss Gerstmar



How to support reading at home.



How to support your child with reading at home.

As a school, we would really appreciate if you could support your child at home with their reading. Children will be provided with 2 books in their book bag on a weekly basis. Here is how you could support your child with their reading books at home:

- Read every night for up to twenty minutes.
- Listen to your child read. This helps them to develop their fluency. It is especially important for KS2 children that this continues all the way up to Year 6.
- Read to your child. This will help them to understand how to use expression to bring stories to life and develop their own voice as readers.
- After listening to them, or reading to them, ask them some questions about the text to check children's understanding of the text. The discussion you have will be very valuable to their reading development.
- Talk about the meanings of new words.
- Read the same book again and again if you have to!
- Sign the reading record booklet 4x a week (at least).
- Do it all with patience and love!



In years Y2 – Y6 children will receive the following books in their book bags on a weekly basis.

<p>A structured reading book that reflects your child's reading ability.</p>		<p>Your child will also bring home a structured reading book.</p> <p>This is a book that is levelled to suit your child's reading ability; therefore children will be able to use their reading skills to access this text which will develop their overall confidence within reading.</p>
<p>A book to read for pleasure (Fiction/ Non-Fiction)</p> <p>Levelled to match your child's reading ability.</p>		<p>A 'free choice' book to encourage reading for pleasure to ensure that children have access to a broad and balanced reading diet.</p> <p>This book will be a text that your child has chosen themselves and reflects their own interests.</p> <p>These texts will include high quality vocabulary for children to be exposed to. It is really important that children have opportunities to listen to high quality texts that are modelled by adults.</p> <p>This text will create discussion around language, vocabulary and related experiences.</p>



