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Home Reading

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to update and remind you of our home/school reading systems and how crucial it is for children to read to an adult at home in order to achieve their full potential- not only in reading but across the full primary curriculum.

Reading is fundamental to education. Proficiency in reading, writing and spoken language is vital for pupils' success. Through these, they develop communication skills for education and for working with others: in school, in training and at work. Pupils who find it difficult to learn to read are likely to struggle across the curriculum, since English is both a subject in its own right and the medium for teaching (Department for Education 2023)

We therefore ask that you read with your child at least 3 times per week, no matter how fluent they become. Discussing texts, exploring new words, and sharing stories at home is crucial for deeper understanding and enjoyment and success across all subjects.

Below is a reminder of our systems and how we can work together to support your child to achieve their full potential.

<p>Individual reading records</p>	<p>These were provided in September Please send us a message asap if you have lost yours and need a replacement</p> <p>Reading records MUST be in school every day. Children need to be encouraged to take responsibility for this and we will do all we can to remind them, however we need parents to support children too with this system.</p> <p>Class teachers will check reading records weekly. They will stamp or sign to confirm this.</p>
<p>Reading Book</p>	<p>Children who are a free reader can read a book from school or from home. Wherever possible, it should travel from school to home daily so children have consistency.</p>
<p>Home reading</p>	<p>We ask children to read to an adult for at least 3 times per week and to themselves daily. This may be for 5-10 minutes and adults should note this in the reading record, completing the appropriate boxes. It would be really helpful if new vocabulary that has been discussed is noted or any comments about the book e.g too difficult, easy etc.</p>
<p>Reading records not being returned or not being</p>	<p>If a child does not return their reading record for more than two weeks in a row, or there are no comments from adults, then school will be in touch via a generic text message or</p>

completed	Dojo message as a gentle reminder. Please support your child in locating their reading record, keeping it in a consistent space etc
“Priority Readers”	These are pupils who are currently working below the standard in reading for their age. These are pupils who we prioritise with individual reading and access additional reading support in school. If your child is one of our priority readers, you will receive additional communication which outlines this support and how we can further work together to ensure they reach the expected standard.

The majority of pupils in our school are making really good progress in reading and there is a clear correlation between pupil progress and positive, consistent support for reading at home, no matter what the starting point is. We want to thank all of the parents and carers who support their child’s reading development and we hope that by reminding everyone of the importance of this crucial skill even more pupils will be supported and continue to make even more progress.

If you have any questions regarding our systems or reading in general please get in touch and we will be more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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