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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Daily Reading with Your Child

We hope this letter finds you well. As we continue to foster a love for learning and literacy at our school, we want to emphasise the critical role that **daily reading** plays in your child's education. As parents and educators, we share the responsibility of nurturing young minds, and together, we can make a significant impact on your child's academic journey whilst offering pupils the best possible opportunity for life success.

Why Daily Reading Matters:

- Building Vocabulary and Language Skills:** Regular reading exposes children to a rich variety of words and phrases. It expands their vocabulary, enhances comprehension, and strengthens their ability to express themselves effectively.
- Improving Fluency:** Just like any skill, reading improves with practice. Consistent reading helps children become more fluent readers, allowing them to tackle more complex texts as they progress through school.
- Boosting Comprehension:** When children read daily, they develop better comprehension skills. They learn to infer, predict, and analyse text, which are essential for understanding both fiction and non-fiction materials.
- Fostering a Love for Books:** Reading should be an enjoyable experience. By sharing stories with your child, you ignite their imagination, spark curiosity, and in-still a lifelong love for books.



Our New Reading Diary:

To encourage daily reading, we are introducing a **new reading diary**. This diary will serve as a communication tool between home and school. Here's how it works:

- Daily Reading:** Set aside time each day to read with your child. Whether it's a picture book, a chapter from a novel, or an article, every minute counts.
- Record in the Diary:** After reading, record the title of the book, the date, and the time spent reading in the diary. Your child's teacher will provide further instructions on how to use the diary effectively.

3. **Teacher Checks and Rewards:** Teachers will regularly check the reading diaries. For consistent efforts, students will receive small incentives and recognition. Let's celebrate their reading achievements together!

Parental Commitment:

We kindly request that you:

- **Read at Least 5 Times a Week:** Aim for a minimum of **5 reading sessions per week**, each lasting at least **10 minutes**. Consistency is key to reaping the benefits of daily reading.
- **Sign the Reading Diary Daily:** Please sign the diary each day to acknowledge your child's reading progress. Your signature shows your active involvement in their learning journey.
- **Discuss Books:** Engage in conversations about the books your child reads. Ask questions, share your thoughts, and explore the stories together.

Together, We Can Make a Difference:

By listening to your child read every day, you contribute significantly to their academic success. Your support at home complements the efforts of our dedicated teachers in the classroom.

Thank you for partnering with us in nurturing confident, curious, and capable readers. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Happy Reading!

Kind Regards,

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