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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a pupil's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that pupils who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of.

You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read daily or at least 3 times each week (for about 20 minutes), and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. They will also have the opportunity to read twice a week during DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time within the school day.

Reading widely through these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books.

Giving your child a choice over what they read is an important factor in boosting their enthusiasm for reading and children are more likely to be interested in books they have selected for themselves. The school library is an incredibly useful resource in providing regular reading material for your child and best of all – it's free!

To help us track how much reading your child is doing at home, it is important that you sign their reading record. Your support with reading at home is essential and only by working together can we ensure your child achieves their potential as a reader.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading!

Best wishes

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