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Reading in Year 1

Dear Parents,

Reading takes place in lots of different ways in Key Stage 1, but the individual help you can give your child at home is invaluable. Reading regularly at home is vital for your child to not only become a fluent and confident reader, but the progress daily readers make across all areas is very evident.

Literacy Lessons

Reading is taught during the Literacy lesson each day. We start with a whole class session, which includes shared reading, where the teacher models the text for the children. This short session is then followed by group activities linked to the whole class carpet session, focusing on developing reading and writing. The lesson is then concluded with a plenary session to consolidate the learning intention and share examples of good work.

Guided Reading. In Year 1 Guided Reading takes place in sessions throughout the week. This involves the teacher working with a group each day. Guided reading will introduce a range of texts to the children, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The book is discussed in detail and many challenging questions relating to the text will be asked to develop reading strategies, skills and vocabulary.

School Library Session. This takes place on a Thursday. Your child will be encouraged to choose books from both the fiction and non-fiction sections of the library. Guidance will be offered in relation to the suitable reading level, but ultimately your child will have the choice to decide on the book they prefer!

Home Reading Books and Home Reading Diary. Your child's reading book/s are changed on a Monday and their Home Reading Diary is read and checked then too. The children will work towards filling in the title and writing their comments, but to begin with please could you fill in the title and date. There is also a section for you to complete on the successes/difficulties experienced and the discussion you have had about the book. This really helps us to further understand the needs of your child. The back section of the reading diary can be used to record any extra books that your child reads in their spare time, for example school library or books from home.

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Discussing the Story to ensure your child has understood what has been read is vital in ensuring your child has understood what has been read.

Some Ideas to help your child's comprehension when reading at home are as follows:

Predicting the story:

- What/who do you think the story is going to be about? (Look at the front cover & title).
- What do you think will happen next?

Discussing the plot:

- What is happening in this part of the story?
- Who can you see?
- Where are they?
- What are the characters doing? Why?
- How do you think the characters feel? (happy/scared/excited etc)
- Focus on specific parts of the story and pictures and discuss them.
- Can your child relate parts of the story to something that has happened to him/her?
- Look for specific letter sounds /key words in the story.

Shared Reading. It is still important to continue to read other texts such as the library book to your child so they can enjoy the shared pleasure of books with you.

I hope this guidance helps in providing information on how we teach reading in school and how you can reinforce this at home.

Please call in to see me if you have any further questions.

Many thanks,

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