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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Books

I'm writing to you for support relating to reading books.

Reading at home with your child for ten minutes a day is vitally important. Here are school expectations on reading at home:

- The book sent home is to be read through at least twice. The whole book doesn't need to be read in one go and should be alternated with other books. We would advise that you look through the book and pictures first, tell the story just from the pictures and then read it with an adult. Whilst doing this, it would be helpful to sit at a table and encourage your child to follow the text with their fingers.
- You should then sign your child's reading diary to say it has been read and leave a comment if you wish. The book should then be in your child's bag with the diary for their book change day. All children have a designated book change day. Books can't be changed on different days, due to time restrictions.
- If a book is lost, then there is a charge of £5.00 for a replacement.

The way the school links with the books being read at home is as follows:

- When the teacher is reading with your child, they do a quick recap on the old book, question content of the story and look through the pictures. They then read a few pages of the new book with the child on their book change day to highlight anything that may be tricky for them, so that at home they already know how to deal with it.
- Unfortunately books haven't been coming back on reading days for some of the children. When a child doesn't have a book, the teachers still read but this book doesn't then go home. You can therefore see how the system described above then doesn't work as effectively in terms of supporting your child's progress.



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All the diaries have the book change day written in them and we have attached a book changing day rota to this letter too.

We are grateful to the families who are already supporting this system and we look forward to a more cohesive approach going forward with our reading books and expectations. If you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher.

Kind regards,

Deborah Howard & Reception Team



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