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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Books (Reception)

This week your child will receive their reading book and a reading record. They will be allocated a specific day in which they will read with an adult and their book will be changed. Attached is a list of the book changing days for your child's class.

Reading at home with your child for ten minutes a day is vitally important. Here are our 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 your child looks through the book and pictures first, telling the story just from the pictures and then reading 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 would then need to sign to say the book has been read and you can leave a comment if you wish. The book should then be put back into your child's bag with the reading record for their book changing day. Due to time restrictions books can only be changed on your child's specific book changing day.
- If a book is lost there will be a charge of £5 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 will do a quick recap on the old book, question the content of the story and look through the pictures. They will 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.
- When a child doesn't have their book with them, the teachers still read but this book doesn't then go home. You can therefore see how the system described above would not work as effectively in terms of supporting your child's progress.

You can also find in your child's reading record a sheet containing reading tips for you to use at home.

Kind regards,
Sophie Roberts, Natalie Glendon & Fiona Walker
Reception Teachers



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