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Pride, Perseverance, Kindness, Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

In partnership with yourselves, we aim to instil a 'love of reading' in all our children. You will know yourself that a good book can transport you into a magical world where anything is possible or it can provide a means to find out the most extraordinary things. Reading allows us to be inquisitive and curious – key to creating a thirst for learning.

If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2 they are given a varied selection of books to take home each week. These will range from picture books to read together and enjoy as well as books that are matched to your child's phonic level and texts that encourage fluency and expression. The books linked to phonic learning are for your child to practise the phonics (sounds) they have been learning in school. It would be fantastic if you could read with your child a little every day – the difference it could make to their progress and achievement is significant. 'Little and often' is a good approach for our youngest children.

If your child is in KS2, they have been given a new school planner (If they have not brought them home today then they will be doing so next week). These have been made bespoke for our school. As well as space to record the books they read, inside are useful pages of learning tools and teaching supports such as maps and x table charts. We expect all pupils to take good care of these planners and begin to use them to support their learning independently. Due to the cost of these planners, we will not be able to replace it if lost. Therefore, please support your child in taking pride in this special book.

Please support your child in developing good habits and recording when they have read. Fluent readers still need encouraging to read regularly. There will be rewards in class for those that read at least 3 times a week.

As well as their home reading books, all children will explore a range of texts in their English lessons and enjoy hearing stories at the end of the day with their class.

We look forward to reading with your children and seeing their confidence grow over the year. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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