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Reception – Reading at Home

Dear Parent / Carer,

Reading is a key priority for school, it is the key to children accessing the curriculum and is a key life skill. With that in mind I would like to ask you for support.

Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in the classroom and in school, as well as at home. It is taught in specific reading, phonic and literacy lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across other areas too.

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least five-ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. Your child's home reading book is carefully selected to match their phonics knowledge.

A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read- even five- ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading

Please ensure you sign your child's reading record so then we know you have read with your child either their school reading book or a book of your choice at home. Ideally we would like a mixture of both.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Heaton



Together we dream it, believe it, achieve it!

