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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading With Your Child At Home

We have put together a few helpful tips that will support your child when reading at home. These ideas will help with understanding as well as fluency and speed.

Reading for the first time

- Listen to your child read their book, either the whole book or a few pages at a time. This should be uninterrupted time for you and your child.
- Ask questions during reading, this will indicate to you whether your child understands the story. (You will find questions at the back at their reading book.)
- It is useful to look at the pictures, this helps with understanding and can give clues.
- Make predictions - What do they think will happen next?
- Sound out unfamiliar words with your child, blending sounds to help say the whole word. Look for smaller words within longer words – **soldier**
- Explain any new words and what they mean in the context of the story.
- Reading aloud with understanding of punctuation.

Reading for the second time

Re-reading the book – this can be very important and we encourage children to re-read shorter books. This helps with fluency and understanding as well as speed and expression.

Reading for the third time

Don't be afraid to read a book a third time, this allows for engagement, enjoyment and independence. Your child will enjoy the chance to read you a story.

After reading

To help build your child's comprehension skills refer to the back of their reading book and answer the questions. This will give you an idea how much they have understood.



Reading their own books from home or the library

It is good for your child to read a breadth of books; these could be comics, non-fiction books, poetry, or simply their favourite bedtime story. We would encourage you to read other books at home alongside the reading scheme.

Please remember to sign and date when your child reads at home, this is very useful for the teacher to keep track of which book they are reading and how often they are reading.

This year we have introduced bronze, silver and gold awards for reading (please see the back of your child's reading record). This is very successful in school and the children are keen to achieve these awards for reading and with your help we will can promote and encourage our children to read regularly.

Remember reading is not a race it's a pleasure!

Many thanks for all your support

Yours sincerely

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