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Dear Parents/Carers,

During recent Pupil Progress Meetings, when the Senior Leadership Team discussed the progress of each individual child with their Class Teacher, it became clear that a number of Teaching Staff were concerned about the number of children not reading regularly at home.

It is vital that your child reads at home, regularly, to support their work in school. Whether it be to support their progress in Reading and/or Writing or to simply develop a love for reading, working in partnership with our families is crucial and we're grateful for all the support we receive.

As a school, we would ideally like your child to read every day but we fully appreciate that busy family life does not always allow this.

Therefore, we recognise that if children read 3 times (or more) each week, they are working towards their Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards. We are also continuously reviewing our reading incentives and initiatives to ensure we successfully reward children who commit themselves to their reading.

We would also like to stress that we encourage the children to read whatever they would like! We have our school reading books aligned to your child's ZPD or phonics level, which also link to the progression through the National Curriculum, and, for the majority of children, they are happy to read these, along with other books on MyOn. However, we want all of our pupils to have a love for reading so we are more than happy, and encourage, them to read additional material too. It does not matter whether it's their own story book, information book, newspaper, brochure, magazine, books from the local library – whatever - reading is reading!

It is also vital that you sign and comment in the Home School Diary so we are aware that reading has taken place at home. This is recorded in school each week.

Please find information below, which is taken from our school website – this offers some advice and tips for reading at home with your child.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Mr Welsh
Interim Executive Headteacher

Reading - What can you do at home?

Ensure your child reads/is read to, every day.

10-15 minutes is a recommended time to both read and discuss a text.

Record any reading/communication in your child's diary. This is a vital source for communication between you and the class teacher.

TOP TIPS:

Give children a variety of reading opportunities, for example, as well reading a book from the school reading scheme, why not read a magazine together, or look through a recipe book. Remember, let them hold the book and keep on praising them – boost their confidence!

Read anything which your child enjoys. Texts come in all sorts of unusual forms - comics, magazines, internet sites, manuals, recipes!! Non-Fiction or fiction - it all helps!

Read e-books - www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Reading should be a pleasurable experience, so find the right place to read.

Create the correct atmosphere for reading - relaxed and comfortable.

Model - read yourself. Children love to be read to and they need to see reading as something we can enjoy at any stage in our lives.

Visit your local library– It's Free!!!

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/residents/libraries-and-local-history/your-local-library>

When reading to your child:

- Miss out words to check they are following and ask them to fill in the gaps.
- Link words to pictures.
- Put expression into your reading - even act out a scene.
- Ask them questions to check their understanding of the text - can they recall certain parts and find the evidence in the book? Become 'text detectives' together!
- Ask them to give an opinion about what they are reading, and remember, offer your opinion as well; this will create wonderful discussion!