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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Reading in Key Stage 2

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 undertake a structured phonics programme with reading books linked to the sounds they have learned. Some children continue onto this scheme as they move into year 3. When children have completed the phonics scheme they become free readers in school.

A large number of our children in Key Stage two are strong fluent readers, but this is not the case for all children.

Children should read regularly both in school and at home both for pleasure and to support their vocabulary development and understanding of language. Children should also read a range of different authors and styles rather than fixing on one particular author or series.

This week your child will come home with a reading book and a reading record. The reading record allows the child and any adults that read with them to record what they have read. We would recommend 5-10 mins of daily reading at home for every child.

At the moment children will be reading free readers either from school or from home as we do not have a staged scheme in school that moves beyond the phonics scheme. We do however have access to an online library that has staged books.

During the next half term, we will be carrying out reading age assessments on all children in years 3-6. When we have these assessments, we will be able to allocate and pitch reading books to support your child's reading from their current starting point.

We encourage you to ask your children about their reading records and what books they are reading and begin to set up a regular reading time at home.

We will send a further update regarding staged reading books when our assessments are complete.

Kind regards

Miss C. Shephard
Headteacher