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## Reading at School and Home

Dear Parents/Carers,

In July 2022, we, as a school community, celebrated some incredible achievements in reading: 93% passed the Year 1 Phonics Screen; in Year 2, 73% of children achieved the Expected standard in reading, with 20% achieving the Greater Depth standard and in Year 6, 97% achieved the Expected standard in reading, with 49% achieving the Greater Depth standard. These results were the product of the sheer hard work, commitment and determination of all children, staff and yourselves as parents and carers, working together to ensure that your children become confident readers. Reading is the essential skill; it underpins all learning and is key to becoming a successful, life-long learner and effective participant in civic society.

This week your child has received a new 'School Planner'; a 'Good Reader' Bookmark and a reading book. These new 'School Planners' are more durable than the old reading records; have a designated space for our 'Reading Stampers' and have a number of additional features to support your child's learning at home, including additional space for your child to make notes pertaining to homework and school events. These new 'School Planners' have been provided to all pupils, at sizeable cost to the school. However, we believe that these new 'School Planners' will help facilitate reading and learning at home and will help prepare the older pupils for their secondary school journey. If your child loses their new 'School Planner' or damages it to the extent that it needs to be replaced, a cost of £2.50 will be charged for a replacement.

Over the course of the academic year 2022 – 2023, we will be continuing to make significant investments in our book stock across school, both in terms of your child's class library, but also, the school library. We will be continuing with our individual 'Readers of the Week,' who each receive a book to keep forever! However, we need your help. At school, we expect every child to read at least five times per week. In Nursery, Reception and KS1, these fifteen minute sessions should be supported by an adult and recorded in your child's new 'School Planner'. In Years 3 and 4, your child should read for twenty minutes five times per week with adult supervision for at two of them. In Years 5 and 6, I would expect each child to read for thirty minutes five times per week, with at least one under adult supervision. All reading should be recorded in your child's new 'School Planner'.



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There is no such thing as reading too much and the more you read with your child, the more knowledge, skills and understanding your child is going to learn across the entire curriculum. Sharing a story with a child is the most wonderful thing and you be helping us to ensure that your child grows to love reading. For children who do not read regularly at home, due to its paramount importance for your child's development, additional opportunities outside of timetabled lessons will be provided for your child to read.

Over the course of this Autumn term, we will be hosting a number of Phonics and Reading Workshops. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 3:30pm, there is a Phonics Workshop for parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, at 3:30pm, there is Phonics Workshop for parents and carers of Key Stage 1 children. Reading Workshops will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, a Reading Workshop for the parents and carers of Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children. On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, a Reading Workshop for the parents and carers of Key Stage 2 children.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the flyer attached from the Britannica Magazine. This is a new children's monthly magazine that is aimed at Years 4 – 6, for independent reading and Years 2 – 3, supported by a parent or carer. It is a fantastic magazine, full of engaging articles linked to the natural world, together with fantastic facts and quirky explanations of phenomena linked to the National Curriculum. There are quizzes and many other additional features too. It is a very engaging read, bringing the world to life! My own children love reading it! If you do decide to take out a subscription for your child, please do not forget at the checkout to select our school from the list, to ensure we receive the book vouchers.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any questions relating to reading here at school, please do hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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English Lead



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