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Dear Parent/Carer,

Reading Record Books

Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives and reading regularly has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within English lessons, Literacy and weekly library lessons is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. Additionally, frequent reading will help children to foster a love of reading into adult-life. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read daily (for about 15 minutes), and by encouraging them to enjoy reading individually and sharing books together. Reading widely through all of these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books.

To help us track and monitor how much reading your child is doing at home we have decided to introduce reading record books for the students within my literacy classes. It is important that you sign their reading record every time you have listened to them read, along with a brief comment (suggested comments are at the back of the reading record 1 to 10). Your support with reading at home is essential and only by working together can we ensure your child achieves their potential as a reader. If you require any further guidance regarding reading, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

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