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Dear Parents,

RECEPTION BOOK BAGS AND HOME READING

Reading underpins children's access to the curriculum and it clearly impacts on their achievement. There is considerable research to show that children who enjoy reading and choose to read benefit not only academically but also socially and emotionally.

This afternoon, your child will bring home a book bag and a sharing book to read at home.

SHARING BOOKS (READING FOR PLEASURE)

Your child's sharing book is a book that has been chosen by your child to share and enjoy reading at home with you. Children are not expected to read their sharing book independently. This book is for parents/carers to read to or with their child. It is good to talk about the book with your child, but important not to turn the discussion into a test. The goal is enjoyment.

Your child's sharing book should be returned to school for changing on **Wednesdays**.

EYFS READING EXPECTATIONS

The expectation is to read at **least three times a week** for **10 minutes**. Book bags, reading books and reading records should be brought into school **every day**.

Suggestions for Comments

- Record any new vocabulary that your child has learnt
- Did they struggle with the book or find any particular words difficult? What were these words?
- Did they understand the book? Could they give a summary of the book or name any key themes?
- Were they able to read the book independently?
- Can they drop any new words or phrases into family conversation?

Teaching staff will hear your child read during the week. They will also write a comment in your child's reading record book too.

If you would like support with home reading or you are experiencing any difficulties in engaging your child in home reading, please contact me via the school office.

If you have any questions about your child's reading development or about the specific book they bring home, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Early Years team.

Yours sincerely,

Miss D Buckley

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