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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Y3 – 6 Reading Books

We have recently carried out some reading assessments in all year groups. We have also given out new reading diaries to all the children.

Regular reading at home is so important in order for all children to make good progress and develop a love for reading. This is why reading at least 5 times a week at home is part of our school's homework expectations.

From this week all children will be bringing home two books: one book will be a book that is matched specifically to their current reading age/understanding. You may have heard this called a "stage" or "levelled" reading book. The other will be a book they have chosen from the school library. This is a book to read purely for pleasure. We ask the children to read at least 5 times per week and to record what they have read in their reading diaries. The children can also record any additional reading they do at home from any book of their choice. We would love to see them reading as often as possible!

The children will be re-assessed at different points during the year. This will allow us to potentially change their levelled reading books to a different stage, depending on their progress. This looks different for every child so please do not worry if your child stays on the same level for a period of time or they are on a different stage to their peers.

Please can reading books and reading diaries be brought into school every day. This is so that staff can listen to the children read, monitor progress and reward children's efforts. If your child loses their reading diary, please let us know so we can replace it.

We encourage parents to listen to their child read and to read with their child. Please also help them to complete their reading diaries to keep a record of what they have read. Signing your child's reading diary helps us to see that they have completed their reading at home.

There is no limit to reading for pleasure. We encourage children to choose from our class and school libraries or choose their books from home to supplement their "stage" book. Using both of these strategies together, we aim to:

- Increase children's confidence in reading as their stage book will be matched to their current reading age
- Improve reading fluency and reduce frustration at having to decode too many new words at once
- Increase reading for pleasure as children have a wide range of quality literature to choose from, so they can tailor their choices to current interests
- Widen children's vocabulary by reading a range of quality books by different authors
- Create and foster a life-long love for reading

Our priority is to ensure that all children learn to read by developing a range of strategies which will prepare them for life beyond primary school. If you have any questions regarding reading, please ask your child's Class Teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Kirton, Mrs Connelly and Miss McIntyre  
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