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Reading at Home

Dear Parent/Carer

As you know being able to read is an essential life skill that we all need. One of the core functions of primary education is to teach children to read. As you will be aware the school uses a phonics programme to help young children and children new to English to be able to decode words and to begin to read. This is enhanced and developed as the children become more able decoders and then into fluent readers. Fluency of reading is very important and this is acquired with practice which is why it is so very important to not only listen and encourage your child to read but to also read to them.

The school runs intervention programmes to support children who are not fluent readers or who are struggling to read/new to English. Your child may have already told you that they are having additional reading support which may involve them being taken out of class for additional reading lessons. With high quality intervention in addition to the teaching of reading in class and with your support at home, children make quicker progress and become confident, fluent readers.

If you have any queries in relation to this or would like to know more about how you can help your child with reading, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. If you would like the school to run workshops for parents in any subject that we teach then we are more than happy to do so. If you require more information to help your child at home then again please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Research shows that the children who are the most successful learners are the children who get the most support at home to complement what they are being taught in school. If you haven't done so already a great way to get your child engaged with reading at home it to join the local library, maybe this is something you could do over half term. Its free, they have wonderful books and offer a lot more that your child can access.

Yours sincerely

Julie D'Abreu
Headteacher

