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Reading provision for Year 2 pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have noticed that the organisation for reading books and reading records is not working as smoothly as I would like for Year 2 pupils. I recognise that Year 2 pupils are still quite young and need support to remember their belongings and to follow routines. Sadly, the routine is not working for some of our pupils and I would like to address this quickly.

I have noticed that very few children reached the top of the reading challenge in Year 2 last half term. Each week, reading records are checked on a Friday morning to see if pupils have read five times during the week (this is tracked back to the previous Friday). Pupils are also given another opportunity on a Monday if they have forgotten their records.

Some pupils have mentioned that they are reading at home, but that the reading session is not written in their record. These children are missing out on a reward and are staying in for reading club when they may not necessarily need to be. Please can parents/carers write in the reading records whenever your child reads.

Reading sessions can include:

- reading directly to a parent/carer
- reading to a sibling
- listening to a story read (this encourages a love of reading and enables pupils to focus on comprehending the story/ text)
- reading alternate pages with an adult.

Some children have mislaid their reading records and others are not putting their folders in the reading box to be changed. On occasion, there are individual books left in the box rather than being in the reading folder provided. This then causes confusion as to who the book belongs to. Some pupils are also leaving their reading books and records in their tray rather than taking them home.

To solve each of these issues, the reading book box will be placed outside of the classroom each morning for you to remind your child to put their reading folder in, in order for the book to be changed. In order to ensure that books and reading records return home, we will keep all of the reading folders in the box until home time and pass these to your child as they leave to be collected. Please only put your child's reading folder in the box if you would like their book to be changed.

If you require a new reading record or plastic reading folder, please inform myself or Mrs Fox and we will be happy to provide your child with a new one.

If there is anything further that we can do as a school to support you in helping your child to read at home or if you have identified an issue with the reading process that you feel we could improve, please let me know.



I desperately want all of the children in Year 2 to learn to the best of their ability. They are working incredibly hard in school and are reading lots in class time with their peers and in groups with an adult. I would like to thank you for your efforts in supporting your child's reading and in using the Home Learning Packs sent home last term. Some of the children have shared their successes and these have been recognised in school with stickers, house points and some visits to Mrs Reynolds for a Headteacher sticker. If you would like to make me aware of your child's progress with the Home Learning Pack, please ask your child to share the book with me and we will celebrate their successes or direct further support as required.

Thank you again for all of your support.

Yours sincerely

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