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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We are encouraged by the number of reading records that all of the children are regularly bringing into school. It is important for the children's progress in reading that their enjoyment of books, and time shared during reading with you, is recognised within school. We also feel that the books are a valuable way for us to comment on your child's progress in reading, so that you can be aware of what your child is learning in their reading activities, and also how you can continue to support them at home.

With this in mind, once a week each child will receive a statement in their reading record. This will tell you the reading skills that the children have practised during their reading sessions in school. These are statements that the children themselves are regularly exposed to in school, and they should therefore be able to talk to you about these at home. The statements are also useful for you to use yourselves when discussing books with your child.

The statements begin with a code, for example 'AF3'. The 'AF' part stands for 'Assessment Focuses' and the number refers to which element of this the children have learned. So that you are aware of these different elements, you may find the following helpful:

- AF1 I can use what I know about letters and sounds to read words.
- AF2 I can understand what I am reading and find the answer to questions.
- AF3 I can use the words I am reading to work out more information.
- AF4 I can talk about how texts are organised.
- AF5 I can explain why writers have chosen particular words, phrases and sentences.
- AF6 I can explain my feelings about a text, think about why the writer wrote it and what the writer's viewpoint is.
- AF7 I know that texts can be written about different times, people and places.

If your child is in Read, Write Inc, they will also receive a sticker to share with you which sound they have been learning during their session.

Please do continue to send the reading records into school with your child – they are very keen to share their reading experiences with us, and we are equally keen to share with you how well your children are doing. If you have any questions, or would like further information about this, please do ask your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely

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