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Dear Parents / Carers

I want to emphasise the importance of hearing your child read **at least 4 times a week**, even if they are already fluent readers. This simple activity can have profound benefits for your child's development and overall academic success.

Firstly, listening to your child read regularly allows you to monitor their progress and comprehension. While they may be able to read fluently, comprehension skills are equally important. By listening to them read, you can assess their understanding of the text, identify any areas of struggle, and provide timely support.

Secondly, regular reading sessions create valuable bonding time between you and your child. It shows them that you value and prioritise their education. This positive reinforcement can significantly boost their self-esteem and motivation to continue reading and learning.

Furthermore, hearing your child read provides an opportunity for meaningful discussions about the material. You can ask questions, delve into characters' motivations, and explore new vocabulary together. These conversations not only deepen their understanding of the text but also enhance their critical thinking skills. Additionally, reading aloud helps expand your child's vocabulary and language skills. Exposure to a variety of texts exposes them to new words and sentence structures, which in turn improves their own writing and communication abilities.

Lastly, regular reading at home sets a powerful example. When children see their parents or caregivers engaged in reading, they are more likely to develop a lifelong love for books and learning.

Our home/school reading records for classes R – 4 are completed via Boom Reader



BoomReader is the award-winning app designed to support teachers, parents and children to share progress through logging reading and books. We have had lots of positive feedback about this method of recording reading. BoomReader has an area of the website dedicated to parents that includes guides and further information and they are always there to support parents who have any questions.

boomreader.co.uk/parents

If you need your login details again, your child's teacher will be able to help you with this.

I encourage you to dedicate time each week to listen to your child read, even if they are proficient readers. The benefits extend beyond academic achievement to include emotional bonding, language development, and a lifelong appreciation for literature. Your involvement and support in this area can make a significant difference in your child's educational journey.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's growth and development.

Yours sincerely

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