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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading is a crucial skill that we learn throughout our lives and starting this process from as early as possible has significant benefits for our success. Research shows that children who enjoy reading, achieve better at school. Reading not only helps us to widen our knowledge and experiences, but it allows us to increase our confidence in many other aspects of our learning.

You, as parents and carers, play a crucial role in supporting your child to become a fluent reader and with parental support children make significantly more progress in reading.

Research shows that children who read regularly, not only in school but also at home, perform significantly better throughout their education. Attached to this letter are useful tips to help you support your child with their reading and comprehension skills. Together we can ensure your child becomes a fluent reader.

The expectation throughout school is for your child to read to you 5 times per week and for this to be recorded in their reading diary. This can be their school reading book, a magazine or a book that you have at home that your child enjoys to read.

Your child is regularly 'benchmarked' to test their reading ability, this informs teachers which colour book band they will receive to practise to read at home. In preparation for Year 1, your child will be sent home with the appropriate book band for their ability and a more challenging book band to expose them to new vocabulary and texts.

If you have any questions regarding reading with your child or if you require any support please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Reception staff or Mrs Hodgson (Phonics Champion).

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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