

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your child has settled into the new school year well and is enjoying learning lots of new things. One of the most important parts of your child's education will be learning how to read. It is such an important life skill as well as being vital in your child's education. However, just as importantly reading can provide immense pleasure.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

It is recommended that children spend some time reading every day. Although we do this at school it is essential that this also takes place at home. Your input is fundamental in your child's reading development. Children who read at home regularly make more progress than those that don't

We are noticing more and more that children are reading less and less outside of school. We are asking you to please make the time, to find at least ten minutes every day to read to and with your child. To talk about what you read, to find new authors, to try a new genre. Try visiting the library, buy a comic, reading does not always have to be a school book, in fact it really should be as many different things as possible. Chatting about authors and books and the language or ideas used is very important for your child. Please....it is vital for your child's education and for their future.

This goes out to parents whose children are in year 5 and 6 also. Please do not stop reading with your child just because they can read. They still need your support, they still need to talk about what they have read, and they need to know you value reading.

If we can help in anyway please do not hesitate to come in and chat with your child's teacher.

We are also looking for a team of volunteers who could come into school first thing on a morning on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday until 9.30 to help support some of our children with their reading. Just one morning a week would be of great value.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs C Hoffman (English co-ordinator)