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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back, your children are settling into their new classes really well and we are so excited to see them all again.

This year we are having a whole school focus on improving reading and raising the profile of reading.

Reading with your child at home is one of the most powerful ways you can support their learning—and it matters at every age and stage.

Whether your child is just beginning to recognise letters or is confidently reading chapter books, listening to them read and reading with them helps build:

- **Language and vocabulary**
- **Understanding and imagination**
- **Confidence and fluency**
- **A lifelong love of books and learning**

Even older children benefit greatly from reading aloud. It gives them a chance to practise expression, discuss new ideas, and feel proud of their progress. Your interest and encouragement show them that reading is valuable and enjoyable.

Just a few minutes a day can make a big difference. Ask questions, talk about the story, and celebrate their efforts—no matter how small. We teach the children to read but they practice at home with you.

📖 All children from Reception – Year 6 will be bringing home a reading record book.
These will need to be used by you and your child to record their reading at home and returned to school daily.
Please comment or sign to say that your child has read with you or to you at home. 📖

Thank you for being a vital part of your child's learning journey. Together, we can help every child become a confident, curious, and capable reader.

Yours sincerely,

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