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## Home Reading

Dear Parents / Carers,

Although it is our role to teach reading in school, we understand that parents / carers play a vital role too. It is important that children have plenty of practice reading at home in order to become fluent, confident readers. Parents' or carers' support is needed to help their child practise reading and develop fluency with a text they have already read at school. We have recently invested in lots of brand new reading scheme books published by Collins Big Cat that your child will begin to bring home. These books run all the way up to Year 6 and therefore all pupils will bring a book home from the scheme. These will be carefully selected by your child's class teacher and will be matched to your child's ability in order to support their progress in reading.

As well as a scheme book, we are also going to be sending each child home with a 'library' book that will be brought home to read for pleasure. This book will have been chosen by your child to enjoy at home. Your child may decide to read this book themselves or you may wish to take turns and read it together. It is just as important for children to listen to adults read. You could discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Both books will need to be returned to school each week on your child's designated day. Your child's class teacher will let you know when this will be.

We will also send a home / school diary home that we would encourage you to fill out each time you read with your child. Your child's class teacher will also leave a comment with a next step to give you something to focus on when reading the same text again at home.

If you have any further questions please see your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Kindest Regards,  
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