

27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer



### Reading Diaries and the School Library

To help us track how much reading your child(ren) is/are doing at home, it is important that you sign their reading record every time you have listened to them read, along with a brief comment. At the upper end of Key Stage 2 (Y5 and Y6), when children are more likely to be reading with confidence and fluency, they should be keeping their own daily records, which should be signed by parents/carers at least once a week. Your support with reading at home is essential and only by working together can we ensure your child achieves their potential as a reader. If you require any further guidance regarding reading, please ask your child's class teacher.

#### Comprehension

- Understood the story well.
- Was able to predict what would happen next in the story.
- Good discussion about the events in the story.
- Retold the story in detail.
- Could talk about the story confidently.
- Answered questions about the text.
- Needs to read again to improve understanding.
- Used the pictures to help understanding.
- Needed lots of help to understand the main events.

#### Word skills

- Read all the words correctly
- Found some words difficult to read.
- Tried hard to work out new words.
- Worked out new words by sounding them out.
- Needs to practice again to reinforce the words.
- Read accurately and confidently.
- Was able to work out new words using picture clues.

#### Attitude and interest

- Really happy to read
- Enjoyed the story because .....
- Fantastic expression.
- Would benefit from reading again to improve fluency.
- Has learnt all about..... and could explain in own words.

Here are some example comments that you can write in your child's reading record:

This year, your child's reading record will be checked by an adult in their class **once a week**, to identify how many times they have read at home.

#### School Library:

Starting from next term (31<sup>st</sup> October), children will be able to take out books from the school library and return them a week later.

To be able to do this, children will have to visit during library opening times, which will be during their normal weekly library visit or Monday lunchtimes, which will be supervised by an adult and the new Reading Ambassadors, who are:

- Noel
- Demi
- Nza
- Elsa
- Praise
- Julija

Children will sign their book out and return it in the 'Returned Book' box a week later. It will then be ticked off by the Reading Ambassadors.

If you have any questions about the above information, please do contact Miss Celebicanin.

Yours faithfully

**Miss Celebicanin**  
**Assistant Head of School and English Lead**