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*'Where Every Door is Opened
and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading is happening all the time in our classrooms and throughout the school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

In our home school agreement parents are expected to support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to your child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

Not only does reading at home improve your child's performance in school, it also contributes towards them developing a wide vocabulary - after the age of 5, 85% of all the new words that your child learns, will come from their reading.

It has come to our attention that many children are not being supported at home with their reading, and this can have a significant impact on their learning in school. As you will already be aware, our school policy for reading states that children must read at least 5 out of the 7 days in the week, especially in Early Years and Key Stage One. It may be that you are reading and not noting it in their journal. Please, if you are reading with your child, ensure you sign or write a note in their reading journal.

We hope that you will support us in sharing the love of reading with your child and if you need any further support in helping your child to read at home, please see your class teacher.

Many thanks,

Miss Higgins

