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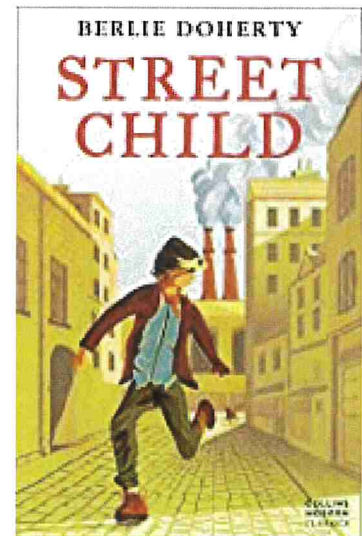
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Dear parents and carers of Oak Class children,

I really appreciated your support with obtaining a copy of **The Boy in the Tower** which we have enjoyed reading in class this half term. The children should have taken their copy of the text home to finish reading during the half term.

I have modelled 'paired reading' with the children today, a fluency based reading strategy and suggest you take this reading approach with your child as they complete the novel. Paired reading is taking it in turns to read aloud to each other and works really well to improve fluency, expression, confidence and enjoyment of reading. I will upload a reading review sheet to the VLE for the children to complete after finishing the novel.

We are extremely excited to announce that our class text for next half term is **Street Child** by **Berlie Doherty**. This is a fabulous and captivating fictional account of the experiences of Jim Jarvis, a young orphan who escapes the workhouse in 1860's London and survives brutal treatment and desperate circumstances until he is taken in by Dr. Barnardo, founder of a school for the city's "ragged" children.



I would be grateful if you were able to obtain a copy for your child to bring into school to use in class. There will be a small number of copies available in class.

Just a reminder, we are having a focus on X tables for instant recall. There are X table grids on the VLE for children to complete over the coming week.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement and I hope you have a fabulous fun-filled half term week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jane Gwilliam

