



24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

Now that the children have settled back into school, hopefully things are getting easier at home with school bedtime routines back in place and no remote learning.

We carried out one to one reading assessments as soon as the children returned to school and they are also completing maths, reading and grammar tests this week.

The reading test information has shown that many children have fallen behind with their reading over lockdown and a significant number of children have reading ages below their actual chronological age.

We are focussing heavily on reading in school; whole class reading, whole class comprehension work, group guided reading, reading and small group intervention and one to one reading.

It is however of **vital** importance that all the children get back into the routine of reading five times a week at home with an adult - at least five pages in Reception and KS1 and 10 pages or a chapter in KS2. We need to work together to support the children to become fluent, confident readers as this is such a key skill to opening up the whole of the curriculum.

Please ensure you find time for reading with your child. If they are reluctant, after a break in this expectation, try a few days of reading to them first and then they will hopefully take over from you. Reading diaries should be signed once the child has read to an adult so that we can monitor this in school.

After Easter we will once again send home a prompt sheet of questions that you can use to help with developing your child's understanding of what they have read.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher