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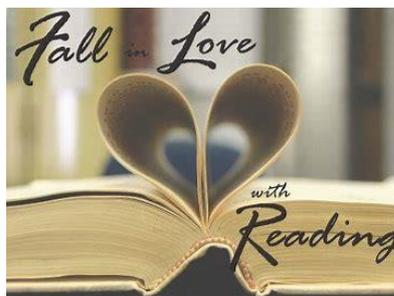
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READING CHALLENGE- A COLLECTIVE PLAN FOR SUCCESS



Dear Parents,

It is great to have the children back in school. The majority have clearly been working hard and have been prepared well for their return as they have slotted back in beautifully.

Despite Covid, as a school we are continually identifying areas for improvement and our next whole school plan will be focused on developing reading, language and vocabulary.

Over the last couple of years, but in particular since Covid has hit we have seen our reading achievement and the children's enjoyment decline. We have great foundations to make change happen through our excellent teaching, hardworking pupils and supportive parents. Therefore to move us forward a priority is to take you with us when making a variety of adaptations to Reading which will be shared with you over the coming weeks and months.

Attached to this letter is a plan in which all stakeholders are asked to take up a challenge to help improve reading achievement throughout the school. This plan has been created after reading extensive research based projects, staff surveys and a number of discussions with staff, some governors and the leadership team at St. Anne's.

Overwhelmingly, pupils who read at home and parents who read and talk to their child regularly, do better academically. If reading is not strong, then all aspects of the curriculum can become a challenge for a child. Our job is to open up the world for our children and therefore reading must be the starting point. Reading is required for maths problems, to understand events in the Fire of London and how to read and navigate a map in Geography.



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As a starting point, you can help our drive on Reading by having a go at the following:

1. Hear your child read every evening and complete their reading diary, ensuring it has a comment and in school every day.
2. Read the plan and in particular the parents and pupils section. Then share this drive of Reading with your child.
3. Model to the children how and what you read. Modelling to children is one of the most effective strategies teachers use in class.
4. Together with your child write down in one day all of the activities that have required reading. You will be amazed at how much you need this skill without realising it.

Feel free to share any of the above on Seesaw so we can see here in school.

Over the next week, I will be sending out a powerpoint to give you more details and a booklet with more information on our reading plans moving forward.

I look forward to sharing reading successes with you over the coming months and will update you on a regular basis what has been going on in school.

God Bless.



Mrs Murphy



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