



*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

**Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

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Dear Parents/Carers of children in Years 5 and 6

4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Reading over this half term (7.1.19 – 15.2.19)**

***"Pupils should be taught to maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what they read by continuing to read and discuss an increasingly wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction and reference books or textbooks."***

The sentence above is taken from the National Curriculum and is an important objective when we decide whether your child is working at age-related expectations in reading.

We have noticed recently that many children are not reading often enough at home. This is having a huge impact not only on your children's comprehension skills when reading but also the quality of their writing. This is because all great writers start as great readers.

Your child needs to have read **AT LEAST 3 chapter books over the next 6 weeks.** (If the books that your child chooses are very lengthy then this will be reduced, in consultation with your child's class teacher). The books that your child reads need to be by different authors and when the book is finished the relevant AR quiz needs to be taken in school.

It is an expectation that your child is reading for **20 minutes every day** making a total of 1 hour and 40 minutes Monday to Friday.

We celebrate the children's reading progress every week on a display board in Year 5 and 6 and if your child is reading regularly, as required, they will be identified on that board. Every child has been given a colour band suitable to their personal reading ability so they are all able to access AR.

Yours sincerely

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KS2 Phase Leader

