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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to remind you of the importance of regular reading at home and share some exciting changes we are making to our school reading raffle.

Reading at Home

As you know, reading regularly at home is one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. Just a few minutes of reading each day can make a significant difference to the children's progress and confidence.

Regular reading helps children to:

- develop their vocabulary and understanding of language
- improve their fluency, expression and reading confidence
- develop their comprehension and ability to understand what they have read
- become more confident writers by seeing a wide range of vocabulary and sentence structures
- develop their imagination and knowledge of the world around them
- develop a love of books and reading for pleasure
- become more independent learners across all areas of the curriculum.

We therefore expect children to **read at home at least four times each week**. This can be reading their school reading book, a library book, a book from home, a magazine, newspaper or another age-appropriate text.

Reading does not always have to mean your child is reading independently. **Listening to your** child read, taking turns to read together, or reading a story aloud to your child are all valuable ways of developing their love of reading.

Reading Records

Every child in school has been issued with a reading record. It is important that children's reading records are kept up to date so that we can celebrate their reading at home. **Parents and carers should sign their child's reading record each time they have seen or heard their child read at home.** This allows us to see how regularly children are reading and ensures that children receive credit for the reading they have completed at home.

Our Reading Raffle

We value the importance of reading and want to recognise the effort that our children are making with their reading. Therefore, we are making some changes to our reading raffle to provide children with an additional incentive to read regularly at home.

Children who have **read four or more times during the week** and have this recorded in their reading record will receive a reading raffle ticket. Any reading that the child completes within the school day, at school, will be classed as one read for that day.

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There will now be **two opportunities to win**:

Weekly Class Prize
Each week, one raffle ticket will be randomly chosen from each class. The child selected will receive an instant prize.

Half-Termly Book Prize
After the weekly class winner has been chosen, all of the raffle tickets will be added to the KS1 or KS2 library raffle box. These tickets will remain in the draw, giving children the opportunity to win a book at the end of each half term.

We hope that this will encourage even more children to make reading a regular part of their home routine while also celebrating those children who are already reading regularly.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to read at home. Your involvement makes a huge difference to their confidence, progress and enjoyment of reading.

Happy reading!

Kind regards,

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