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Reading

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child will bring home a reading book that is closely matched to their current reading development. This means that the book will contain the specific phonics and words they have been learning at school.

Please support your child to read their book as independently as possible. They need to read the book at least 3 times.

1st read, opportunity to decode and read each sentence through.

2nd read, to develop fluency when reading, reading without having to decode all words.

3rd read, the focus should be on comprehension, an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the story.

Our decodable reading books, 'Big Cat Collins' contain inside-cover, front and back guidance, which is designed to help you talk with your child about the book.

Your child will also bring home a library book. This book may contain phonics and words that your child has not yet been taught. Please support your child by reading this book to them or sharing the reading together. Please enjoy reading with your child and chat with them about the contents of the books they bring home.

Your comments in the Reading Record help us to understand your child's preferences, successes and challenges.

For further guidance on how you can help your child with reading at home, please refer to our guidance booklet 'Reading At Home' on our website, attend one of our reading workshops (dates to follow), or ask your class teacher.

Mrs T Wood
Deputy Head and English Lead

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."

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