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Supporting Reading at Home

Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin this new academic year, I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to practise reading at home. At school, we can teach the skill of reading – phonics, expression, comprehension etc., but these skills need to be practised regularly at home in order for each child to reach their full potential across the curriculum.

From an early age, children can be encouraged to enjoy books by sharing them with adults. The adult at home can build upon work done in school by giving support and encouragement for reading. By demonstrating how books work, talking about the illustrations and indicating how they relate to text, by asking questions about the context/ story, the adult is showing the child the meaning and purposes for reading. It is still important to read with your child even when they have become a more confident reader. Continue to support and guide your child.

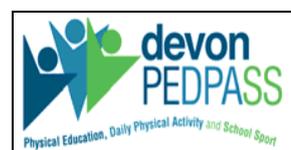
Recording reading

This year, due to the current climate, we are not sending home Reading Records to travel to and from school. We will have designated 'lending days' on Tuesdays and Fridays when pupils have the opportunity to exchange books. In between, the books will have to be placed in a 'quarantine box' for 72 hours. Our younger readers will be issued with a 'pack' of books as they read less text at a faster pace. KS2 pupils may have a book for a couple of weeks. This is fine, as long as reading is recorded and monitored. At school, we have daily guided reading sessions where staff document and assess reading skills. It is often clear to us which children are accessing reading books at home as these children tend to be more confident, able to engage in 'book talk' and can deduct and infer from the text.



We are encouraging you to record your child's reading on Class Dojo this term. You can do this in a number of ways:

- Listen to your child read and record what they have read and any comments such as fluency, difficulties/ help given etc.
- Record your child reading by using the video on Dojo
- Take a picture of the book your child is currently reading and note any comments their teacher may need to know, for example: 'Tom needed help with the 'SH' sound' or 'Vicky was able to summarise the final paragraph well on page 8'



The staff of Boasley Cross greatly appreciate your support with reading and we know that working together on reading at school and home will benefit your child enormously.

If you have any questions on reading, then please ask your child's class teacher.

Many thanks.

Kind regards

Mrs Petersen
Head of School

