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Dear Families,

Re: Reading Records

Daily reading is one of the most important activities for our children to take part in and as a school we have a strong reading for pleasure ethos. We want all children to leave school as fluent and confident readers who can enjoy reading for a wide range of purposes.

To support our passion for reading, we will be refreshing our expectations around children's daily reading and the use of their reading records.

For the start of the 2023-2024 academic year all children have been given a brand new yellow reading record. You may keep their previous records at home. These reading records need to go between home and school on a daily basis but are not a communication tool. These yellow reading records allow parents and teachers to track each child's individual reading journey and the daily reading they complete.

In EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are expected to record daily in the yellow reading record what their children have read.

Eg: Fred read 5 pages of Horrid Henry with good expression and could answer questions about what he had read. LF

In years 3-6 children can take ownership of recording their own reading, but we do ask that parents still initial each entry as we encourage parents to listen to their child read each day even when they are more fluent and confident readers.

Eg: I read the next chapter and enjoyed how the author made me laugh. LF

We do encourage parents to continue to read and record reading during school holidays.

Teachers will now check your child's reading record fortnightly and they will initial the latest entry on the day they check. Each teacher will manage this in their own way for their class which is why yellow reading records must be in school every day. Each half term your class teacher will make a longer comment on your child's reading and we will be in contact if we feel your child needs to complete more regular reading at home.

As always we thank you for your support with your child's reading and if you have any questions please speak to myself or your child's class teacher. New reading records and books will come home by Friday 8th September.

Mrs Field

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