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Dear Parents/Carers

Reading Information for Parents

Your child's reading experience is much more than the reading book which comes home from school. Reading is happening all the time in a classroom and in the school. It is taught in specific reading and English lessons, but children are practising and using their 'reading' constantly across all subjects too.

You as parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read- even ten minutes a day, but a minimum of three days a week
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading

We use a range of reading schemes to support reading development:

- Oxford Reading Tree
- Rigby Star
- Big Cat Collins
- Read, write, inc
- Floppy phonics
- Project X

At Surfleet, the key objectives in our phonic, reading and writing lessons are that children are taught to:

- love books and enjoy listening to stories, poems and rhymes
- read and write letter-sound correspondences quickly
- **decode effortlessly**, spell and handwrite easily

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- comprehend what they read
- read with fluency and expression
- write confidently using oral rehearsal
- work effectively with a partner or within a group to articulate their learning at every step

At Surfleet we have arranged our scheme books into 6 phases as our phonics programme is structured that way for children in Years R,1 and 2.

In KS2 (years 3,4,5 and 6) the reading book your child brings home daily is their scheme book matched carefully to their reading and comprehension levels.

Alongside their scheme book the children however are able to choose their reading for pleasure book. This book will probably **not** match their reading and comprehension levels but will provide new vocabulary and of course the love of reading. These reading for pleasure books might be from our reading corner or might be from our book corner.

The children are expected to read their SCHEME BOOK at least three times a week and their pleasure book is just an add on and as and when it suits. Home school communication is vital in the children's development therefore we expect all parents to tell us about their child's reading by making comments in their reading diary. You will know which one is their scheme book as the title of that will be put in their diary by themselves .

Kind Regards

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