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Dear Parents/Carers

At Surfleet Primary School, we believe that reading is one of the most important skills your child will learn. "One of the greatest gifts adults can give is to read with children". Reading with your child at home supports reading fluency and gives children the opportunity to make progress in their reading.

In order to maintain a minimum level of fluency, we expect that your child reads at least 3 times a week. However, the more opportunities you give your child to read will increase their language development, reading fluency and exposure to vocabulary, so we would appreciate children having at least 5 opportunities to read each week!

Every day your child should come into school with their reading record and school reading book. Your child's reading record will be looked at every Tuesday to see how many times they have read that week. For a child's read to be counted it must be logged in the reading record with a date and a signature from a parent/guardian.

Whilst our default position at Surfleet is to praise and reward, we also need to offer support and reminders when certain expectations are not met. If your child has failed to read 3 times in a week or the reading record is not at school then reminder slips for parents will be sent home. On the first two occasions where the reading expectations have not been met, a slip will be handed to the parent/guardian from the class teacher. On the third occasion, a letter will be given to the parent inviting them to a meeting to talk about the challenges being faced around reading.

To develop comprehension, we will also be having weekly reading tasks that your child can complete. When they have completed the reading task it needs to be returned into school so that your child can be entered into a prize draw to receive a gift voucher. Quite simply, the more tasks the children complete, the more chances they have to win!

We are desperate to improve the reading ability and comprehension skills of all of our children and so we would appreciate your support with keeping your child on track with their reading.

Kind regards

Miss A Bates

Teacher