



## **Reading Together EYFS and KS1**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that our **Reading Together** sessions will be recommencing on a monthly basis starting from **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 8.40-8.55am.**

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come into the classroom and share a story with their child.

Everyone is welcome and we are happy to accommodate younger siblings too.

These sessions will continue **every first Wednesday of the month**, until the Easter holidays (6<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May)

We have included some tips to supporting your child at home with their reading, and please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

### **Supporting my child at home**

Support from home is essential for your child to develop a love of reading. Talking about the book at the end of reading time will help your child in their enjoyment and understanding of the book. Use the questions below as a guide.

- Did you enjoy that book? Why? Why not?
- Who was your favourite character? Why?
- Which part did you like the best? Why?
- Was there any part you didn't like? Why?
- Would you choose this book/story again?

### **Which books are best?**

- Books your child likes.
  - Books suggested by your child's teacher
  - Books your child chooses from a library or bookshop that they want to read.
- Never be afraid to re-read books- a repeated book will help to increase confidence and Understanding.

### **What else can your child read?**

- Comics or Magazines
- Instructions or recipes
- Information books
- Newspapers
- Poems
- Recorded stories

### **My child is a good reader. Can I still help?**

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Children will often want to read in their heads when they become fluent readers and this is too be encouraged when they reach levels **Purple** and **Gold**.

To check understanding of the text you can discuss with them what they have read about the character, the plot, the important parts of the story, what they have learnt from the information and about their feelings as they read the story.

**My child won't read, no matter what I do. How can I help?**

- Read **to** your child as much as possible
- Don't make an issue out of it
- Talk to your child's class teacher - working together will help.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to your class teacher or myself regarding any aspect of reading.

Thank you and keep reading!