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Dear Parents/Carers,

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning. Parents/carers have an important role to play in helping their children to become better readers and to enjoy reading.

You can help your child by listening to them read daily, reading regular bedtime stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. Reading widely through all of these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books.

**In order to encourage and promote home reading, we have introduced a new and exciting reading incentive.**



Every time a child has read **at least 3 times at home in a week**, this will be recorded. Once a child has reached our school's *reading at home* target, they will be given a golden token which can be used at our school's vending machine where your child will be rewarded with a book of their choice.

**Please can you sign your child's reading records to show that you have heard your child read.**

This just needs to be a simple comment e.g. *lovely reading...* which is then signed.

Top tips for reading with your child:

1. Make time to read- even five minutes a day
2. Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer
3. Talk about the book - asking your child questions
4. You can read anytime, anywhere!
5. Children don't just have to read their school book. They can read anything they wish e.g. a menu, a magazine, a leaflet, an online blog etc

We would really appreciate your help and support with home reading. Let's get our children reading!

Yours sincerely

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