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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well. As we continue to support your child's early literacy development, I would like to take a moment to emphasise the importance of *regular home reading*.

Reading at home is one of the most effective ways to help children build confidence, develop vocabulary, and improve their understanding of the world around them. Even just **10 minutes a day** can make a significant difference to your child's progress. Repeating familiar books helps children recognise words more quickly, while discussing the story strengthens their comprehension skills.

To get the most out of home reading, you might:

- Encourage your child to sound out unfamiliar words.
- Talk about the characters and events in the story.
- Ask simple questions such as: "*What do you think will happen next?*" or "*Why do you think the character did that?*"
- Celebrate their efforts—positive encouragement goes a long way!

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school each day so we can keep track of their progress and update books regularly.

Please be assured that your child's reading is regularly assessed at school and they will be moved to the next band when they are ready. They are only issued with books that contain phonemes that they have already learned and therefore they should be able to read the book with a good level of independence, we are not expecting them to be struggling on every word. **Please be assured that they are benefitting from reading and rereading books even when they do not decode many of the words in it.**



Creating, Achieving, Respecting, Everyone, Safely

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, we can help your child develop a lifelong love of reading.

If you have any questions about reading at home or would like more ideas, feel free to get in touch.

Warm regards,
Mrs Cowley
Year 1 Teacher

