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Dear Parents,

## Reading Update

### Reading Diaries

As Key Stage 2 parents may be aware we have begun the process of issuing children with new reading diaries.

These diaries work more like a secondary school diary and children can keep a proper reading log. They also contain at the back of the book a list of recommended reads, which your child can tick off as they read them.

Each day there is a big space for the children to respond to what they have read. They can include things like a prediction of what may happen next, a comment about a character or author's style, a recommendation to a friend about whether they should read the book.

We know the children are very excited about these diaries and hope you will support them in completing them.

Foundation and Key Stage 1 children will be receiving their new diaries next week. These also include a list of recommended reads for younger children and a larger space for parents to comment on how their child has read.

### Reading Target Cards

As you know your child is on a book band colour. From next week your child will receive a target card which will help you to know what we are looking for when they are on that book band colour. Both you and the teacher can tick off when your child shows that skill.

We are hoping this helps parents to know what skills we are looking for when a child is on that book band colour. The skills that most children struggle with are comprehension and understanding of the story they have read. Children cannot move on a book band colour unless they understand what they have read.



## How can you help?

We are delighted to announce that through all your support with our fund raising efforts we are spending £12,000 of our fund raising money on reading books across the school which your child will help us choose. We want to be confident that children have access to the type of books they want to read.

One of the things children have said they would like to have access to is magazines. We know that many of you get your child a magazine on a weekly basis and are asking that once your child has finished with it would you please donate it to school.

We are also asking that when your child has finished with their books from home whether you would be kind enough to donate these to school.

The children are very excited about improving the quality of their reading materials. I know we can achieve this with your support through donation of reading materials, encouraging them to complete their reading diaries and supporting the reading cards.

We are very excited about moving forward and when all the new books are in we will be inviting you to come and read alongside us.

Yours faithfully,

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