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The Importance of Daily Reading and Using the Reading Record

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. One of the most important ways you can help at home is by encouraging your child to read regularly and by completing their reading record.

Reading every day plays a vital role in your child's development. It helps to improve vocabulary, comprehension, spelling, and writing skills, while also building confidence and a love of learning. Regular reading supports progress across all subjects, not just English, and helps children become more independent learners.

The reading record is an essential part of this process. When you or your child record reading at home, it allows us to:

- Monitor how often and how confidently your child is reading
- Understand what types of books they are enjoying
- Identify any difficulties early so we can provide support
- Celebrate progress and achievements

We ask that your child reads at least four times to an adult each week and that an adult signs or comments in the reading record each week (there is an area for the parent/carer to sign). A brief note about how your child read, what they enjoyed, or any challenges they faced is extremely helpful. If your child is in Upper School, we would expect them to be able to fill in their reading records with more independence, but we would still expect some evidence of parent/carer interaction.

Your involvement makes a significant difference. Children who are supported with reading at home are more likely to develop strong literacy skills and a positive attitude towards reading.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or need further guidance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Emily Awcock
Reading Lead