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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we will be having a whole school focus on reading. Reading is such an important skill for our children in their life journey and we want to ensure that as a school community we give all our children the very best start in their reading experiences.

In school we have re-shuffled class timetables to ensure that reading activities play a much larger role in the children's school day. The children will have the opportunity to read every day. This may not always be one to one with a member of staff but reading activities are timetabled daily.

However, all the work we do with the children in school will have a much greater impact if it is supported at home also. We know that many of you already read with your children at home and we can see the impact of this in school. We would like to encourage home reading much more for all our children.

To help with this we are starting a scheme of reading rewards. Children who read at home 5 days a week and at least 20 minutes a day, will receive a certificate and 10 house points. If they manage this for a full half term then they will be entered into a prize draw to win a family day out to a local attraction.

Reading is such an important life skill that we feel it is vital that as a school community we do all we can to ensure the children get the best start they can. If you can read with your child 20 minutes a day 5 times a week that would be great, if not then please try to check that they are reading and encourage them to do so.

All we ask is that the children record their reading in their reading diary and that this is then signed on a Thursday by yourselves to verify that they have done that reading. We will check the diaries on a Friday morning and certificates and rewards will be given out on that day.

We look forward to your support with this and appreciate your ongoing support. We know that all together we will make the biggest difference for all the children in our school.

Many thanks.

Marcus West

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(Head of School)

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