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Dear Parents/Carers

Reading Contact Time

I wanted to take this opportunity to contact you with regards to the amount of time spent reading individually with your child, both in the classroom and at home.

At the moment, the class teachers make time during their lunch breaks to read with individual children. This is not ideal from a number of factors and we are therefore changing how reading is undertaken and recorded in school.

From now, the teaching staff will not be reading 1:1 with all children; reading will be undertaken during guided reading sessions and whole class reading skill sessions. In addition, children may be heard individually by a class teaching assistant, parent helpers and where needed the class teacher. The observations during these sessions will be recorded in the school assessment system and will be recorded by the use of a stamp in the children's individual reading records.

As regards to reading at home, we would ask that you try to read with your child and talk to them about the book every day, recording any observations, concerns or queries in their reading record. We will still use this to assess their progress through the reading system in school. Apart from spellings, we do not set the children any other homework and we ask that you view daily reading as homework. We do rely on your help to support the children with their reading and in addition, we warmly welcome regular parent helpers into class, as this is an extra opportunity for 1:1 reading time for the children. This can be arranged through your class teacher.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Hannah O'Neill
Headteacher