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Dear Families,

What's in your book bag?

Every week children will be encouraged to bring home 2 books; one levelled book for them to practice reading on their own, out loud to an adult, and one sharing book that you can read together.

The levelled book is aimed at children being able to read with 95% fluency. It is so important to support your child in reading these books to aid decoding and to discuss unknown vocabulary.

The sharing book might be a book higher than your child's reading level, a comic, a non-fiction book, magazine or picture book. These books are focused on expanding children's imagination, vocabulary, and their love of reading.

Reading Record

As part of homework, we expect children to read to an adult at least 3 times a week. As you know, reading is hugely important and reading regularly, not only helps with improving reading attainment, but also spelling, writing, vocabulary and every subject taught in school.

Every time your child reads to you, we are asking that you record this in the reading record. This will then be recorded in class and children who are reading at least 3 times a week will be entered in to a book raffle. We will be following up on the children who are not achieving the minimum of 3 times a week to try and encourage this to start happening.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Laura Constanza
Headteacher

When children have a home library, as little as **20 books** of their own, they achieve **3 more years** of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.

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We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and all staff share this commitment. If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of a child please speak directly to Mrs Constanza (DSL) or Miss Lintern (DDSL).

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