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To parents/carers of Key Stage 1 and 2 children,

It has been lovely to see everybody back at school, and the children have been doing so well settling back in.

This week your children will be coming home with a reading book or books.

- In KS1, they will bring 2 books. One will be in their book banded colour, and one will be a phonics book. Both books will contain sounds they know so they can sound words out. The books may include tricky words as well (words they can't sound out but they need to know like 'the'). To help them with their confidence, we want them to reread the books they are given.
- In KS2, the children will bring home one book in their book banded colour.

We have reassessed all children and as we have had a long time away from school, they may be at a different level to where they were in March.

Each class will be changing their books (if the children want to) once a week – this day will be determined by your child's class teacher. Books that are brought back in will then be quarantined for 72 hours before being put back in the book stock.

After such a long time away from school they may need a lot of reading support so feel free to help your child sound unfamiliar words out (e.g. c-o-ff-ee is coffee), or if they are really stuck tell them the word. Before they read it, you might want to talk about the front cover, discuss any pictures and the contents of the book.

10/15 minutes of reading a day is ideal. For your child this may be reading a few pages, a chapter or the whole book – please just go at your child's pace and you can record each time you have read in their Reading Diaries or Pupil Organisers.

In school, we will be doing lots of reading to continue to support your children's reading development too. We will not be writing in Reading Diaries/Pupil Organisers but instead will be stamping their diaries to indicate days they have read with an adult in school.

If your child has read at least 3 times in a week, they will get a reading raffle ticket which goes in their class raffle jar. When the jar is full the class will get a prize, which they have decided upon.

Thank you for your continued support.

