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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Home Reading Records**

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As you are aware, there is a focus on reading across the Federation. To support reading at home, we have purchased Home Reading Records for parents and children to complete each evening. The school's policy is that your child reads for 15minutes each day, preferably to an adult or an older sibling – someone who can help your child if they get stuck and have a dialogue with about the story. We understand that it may not be possible to listen to your child read every night, but we would really appreciate your help in supporting us develop your child's comprehension skills.

Each child has been assigned a reading book within a specific band colour. In some cases you may believe that your child can easily read the book and should be given a more challenging book. However, it is within this specific band level that your child's comprehension skills have been identified by their class teacher as needing the support. We need to think and focus beyond the simple denotation of the text; children's inference and deduction skills are paramount in order for them to understand and comprehend the text.

We would be grateful if you could complete the Home Reading Record each night with your child. Even if your child is reading a longer chapter book, still put the title of the book and the pages read from and to in the necessary box. Please leave a comment regarding your child's reading - maybe questions you discussed together, how they unpicked new and unknown vocabulary and so on in the Parent Box. Your child's class teacher will be tracking the Home Reading Record each week.

Should your child lose their Reading Record, they will be asked to contribute  $\pounds I$  towards the cost of purchasing a replacement.

If you have any questions about the Home Reading Records, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Malone

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