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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share our approach to reading in Year 5/6 this year as we continue to develop our guided reading structure and our drive to foster a genuine love of reading. Our aim is to inspire all our children to become confident, enthusiastic and lifelong readers. Reading is a fundamental skill that opens up a world of possibilities. We are therefore placing a greater emphasis on reading for pleasure, making reading an enjoyable and central part of our daily learning.

Our Guided Reading Approach

We will follow a two-week guided reading timetable, with taught sessions focusing on fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. Children will also explore a wider range of genres and authors, discuss their reading choices and share recommendations with their peers.

All children should have a reading book in school every day. This can be from home, the local library or school library, but should be a book they have chosen and are keen to read. Fortnightly library visits and weekly Book Club sessions will support children in selecting suitable books and sharing their reading experiences.

Online Reading Journal

To make reading homework more engaging, we have created a private class Padlet where children can share activities linked to their reading books. Each fortnight, children will choose a task from the attached activity sheet and complete it based on their current book. They can then upload their work to the Padlet for us to enjoy and share in class. We hope this will encourage children to think creatively and deeply about their reading, rather than simply having a reading record signed.

Where a guided reading extract is sent home on a Friday, this should be completed and returned on Tuesday morning. On weeks when no extract is sent home, children will complete a reading/Padlet task instead.

The Padlet can only be accessed using the link shared with parents and carers, and we ask that this is not shared. Children have been reminded to discuss photographs or videos with you before posting and to use their first name and initials only. All posts will be approved by staff before appearing on the Padlet.

We look forward to seeing the books your children choose and the wonderful ideas they share!

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 5 and 6 team