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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Reading at Home

As we approach World Book Day a day designated to celebrate our love of reading, it is important to reflect on the progress our children have made in their reading skills and to explore ways in which we can further support their development. Research consistently shows that reading regularly at home has a significant impact on a child's language acquisition, comprehension abilities, and overall academic success. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the importance of promoting reading at home and share some recommendations based on evidence from research.

Firstly, let us understand why reading at home is crucial for your child's educational journey. Reading not only enhances your child's vocabulary and language skills but also exposes them to a vast array of ideas, cultures, and perspectives. Through reading, children are able to develop their imagination and creativity, as well as gain a deeper understanding of the world around them. Moreover, research has consistently shown that children who read regularly at home tend to have higher levels of achievement across all subjects. Reading unlocks the whole curriculum.

With this in mind, I would like to offer some practical suggestions to help promote reading at home:

1. Create a cosy reading environment: Set up a comfortable and inviting space in your home. Arrange a variety of books, magazines, and newspapers to cater to your child's interests and age level.
2. Establish a reading routine: Encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day. Whether it is before bedtime or after dinner, having a consistent reading schedule helps develop a habit and makes reading a natural part of their day-to-day life. If your child is too tired read or a reluctant reader, read to them. Share the story, you will soon see that they will start to engage and enjoy that time.
3. Lead by example: Make reading a family activity by allocating time for reading. Children are more likely to engage in reading if they see their parents and carers doing the same.
4. Discuss and share: Encourage your child to share their thoughts, ideas, and questions about the books they are reading. Engage in meaningful conversations to improve their comprehension and critical thinking skills.
5. Explore different genres: Introduce your child to a wide variety of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and biographies. This exposes them to different styles of writing and develops their ability to interpret and analyze texts.



6. Visit the local library: Regular visits to the library can be a fun and exciting adventure for your child. Encourage them to choose books independently, fostering a sense of ownership and enthusiasm for reading.
7. Use technology wisely: While screen time should be limited, there are various interactive e-books and educational apps available that can supplement traditional reading materials. Ensure that these digital resources are carefully selected and used appropriately.

By actively promoting reading at home, we can provide our children with the tools they need to succeed not only academically but also in their personal lives. I am confident that by implementing these suggestions, you will observe a positive impact on your child's reading abilities and their overall enthusiasm towards learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further guidance regarding promoting reading at home. Together, we can instill a lifelong love for reading in our children and open the doors to a world of imagination.

With warm regards,

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