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READING

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your child/ren with their remote learning during these challenging times.

We recognise the hard work all our children have made with their reading during the autumn term and your support with this in hearing them read regularly. Children being able to develop and master their phonics knowledge is crucial in supporting not just their reading but also their independent writing.

Throughout this remote learning period, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can access phonic resources through Reading Eggs and learning to support phonics and reading comprehension is incorporated in all year group weekly plans.

Class teachers have also registered their class with Oxford Owl and those children who are not free choice readers will be sent an email to inform them of their login details so that they can access Oxford Reading Tree ebooks to match their reading ability.

All teachers will continue to share texts and comprehensions remotely using ebooks but we also know how important it is for children to develop their book handling skills. We would therefore like to share the following plans with you to ensure that all children have the opportunity to continue to develop their phonics and comprehension skills away from a digital screen.

<u>RECEPTION</u> – Mrs Duthie has made arrangements with families via Tapestry. Those with siblings in Years 1 - 4 who are not yet on free choice will have reading materials distributed at the same time.

Children in Years 1-4

All children will be given 2 reading books a week matched to their current phonic knowledge. For those in lower key stage 2 who are free choice readers, please contact your class teacher via email should you require a new chapter book to read and arrangements will be made.

Children in Years 5 and 6

Serial Mash will continue to be used by Mr Dilworth and children are also to contact Mr Dilworth via their Purple Mash email should they require a new chapter book to read and arrangements will be made.

Children who are accessing our provision will receive the same amount of reading materials as all children learning remotely.



If you are happy to collect reading books as part of your daily exercise once a week please inform Chrissy.

For those families collecting books from school the following arrangements have been made:

A table will be set up outside the main entrance and hand sanitiser will be provided.

Parents will be required to return the read books belonging to their child/ren in the allocated year group box/es

Parents to then take the new books for their child (these will be organised in alphabetical order in family surnames) from the collection box provided.

This offer will take place on a Tuesday only.

All returned books will be cleaned before returning to the system.

Plans will then be put in place for all the remaining families to have books delivered to their homes. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Rebecca Fowler Headteacher

