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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading in Lower Key Stage 2

As a staff team, we are passionate about fostering a love of reading for all children and providing the right teaching and experiences where children can develop this key skill. In Year 3 and Year 4 we provide opportunities throughout the day for children to read and enjoy engaging with books. We have been ensuring our book corners give children access to a range of inspirational authors and genres and we are continuing to use Accelerated Reader to help children develop their comprehension skills and love of reading.

Reading at Home

Regular reading with your child has a *very positive impact on their progress*, whether they are beginning to learn their initial sounds, starting to blend or can read more fluently and are developing their comprehension skills.

Children should be bringing home books at their current reading level and if you are able to read these with your child after school or at the weekend, then this is hugely beneficial. If your child has been given a reading diary, please record details of what you have read together in their reading journal and make comments which could be useful for the teacher if relevant.

Children should be reading their Accelerated Reader books (or other books at the correct level for your child) daily. Some children will also be bringing home a Read Write Inc Book each week (on a Friday). It is really important that these are returned on a Friday, which coincides when the new one is handed out as they link directly to what has been learnt during the weekly session.

We are currently running low on RWI books in school which means that lots are still at home with pupils... There are also a lot of outstanding Accelerated Reader books that have not been returned. **Please can you have a good look at home and return any books asap so that we can offer the widest selection of books at the right level to the children.**

Parent Readers in School

We are now welcoming back parent readers in school at the start or end of the school day, providing that you are symptom free and wearing a face covering. Where possible, we also recommend doing a lateral flow test before coming into school if you are able to do so. We are *hugely grateful* for this support as it provides additional opportunities for children to read, particularly if they do not get this opportunity at home.

Useful Websites

The School Website for information on Phonics and Read Write Inc: <https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=1340> and general information on Reading across the different phases: <https://www.stnicolasmary.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading&pid=1341>

Teach Your Monster to Read: <https://www.teachyourmonster.org/teachyourmonstertoread>

Teach Your Monster to Read for Fun: <https://www.teachyourmonster.org/readingforfun>

Tips on Reading at home: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

Online stories and reading games: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Many thanks for your support in helping to develop this key skill and a love of reading for life.

Best wishes,

Miss Kite
Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader