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## Reading at Home

Dear Parents/Carers,

Being a 'good' reader, defined both in terms of actually being able to read the words and understand them, is perhaps the most important skill that your children can learn, harness and take advantage of. What is becoming increasingly clear from independent research is that success in reading underpins your child's learning in every other subject. *If you cannot read, you simply cannot learn.* If your child is a good reader, they can learn knowledge, skills and understanding throughout their life. However, while we provide your child with every opportunity to develop their mechanical reading and comprehension skills in school, the responsibility for fostering a love of reading and advancing your child's ability to be a good reader is a shared one.

In school, we have invested in a new phonics programme for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1. In Key Stage 2, we have revised our guided reading procedures so that your child's reading comprehension skills are fully developed. Some of you may have seen our new 'bookmarks'. These explain what a 'good reader' looks like in your child's current year group.

At school, we expect every child to read at least four times a week. In EYFS and Key Stage 1, these fifteen minute sessions should be supported by an adult and recorded in your child's reading record. In Years 3 and 4, your child should read for twenty minutes four times a week with adult supervision for two of them. In Years 5 and 6, I would expect each child to read for thirty minutes four times a week, with one under adult supervision. All reading should be recorded in your child's reading record.

There is no such thing as reading too much and the more you read with your child, the more knowledge, skills and understanding your child is going to learn across the entire curriculum. Sharing a story with a child is the most wonderful thing and you will be helping us to ensure that your child grows to love reading. For children who do not read regularly at home, due to its paramount importance for your child's development, additional opportunities outside of timetabled lessons will be provided for your child to read. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any questions pertaining to reading here at school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Klimiuk  
 English Lead



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