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Dear Parents,

This week your child will be bringing home a reading book and reading diary. Some books have a reading activity sheet linked to the book they have read in school. **The activity sheets do not need to be returned to school, it's an activity for you to use to support your child with their home reading book. If your child doesn't bring an activity sheet home, it's simply that the book they are reading does not have an extra activity.**

Supporting your child with Reading

I hope these suggestions may be helpful.

- Before opening the book talk about the front cover
- What can you see on the front cover? What do you think this story maybe about?
- Point to the title, what do you think this book is called? Read the title to your child pointing at each word. Ask your child to read it, make sure they are pointing at each word. How many words are in the title?
- Look at the back cover, read the blurb
- Can your child make links with the story e.g., if it's about the seaside talk about a time, they went to the seaside.
- Open the book and walk through the story with your child before you attempt to read any of the text. Discuss the pictures, what is happening in the story?
- Discuss any tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out) that are in the story.
- Start reading with your child, can they blend the words, read the tricky words, recognise initial sounds for words they are not sure of.
- If you have supported your child with the text, ask them to reread the sentence on their own.
- At the end of the story ask what part /character your child liked?

This is the very beginning of your child's reading journey so please don't worry if your child finds it tricky at first. In class we will be working on lots of blending activities and introducing tricky words to support the class on their reading journey. The children love listening to stories in class and they are excited to bring home their first book.

Book Bags and Activities

Thursday - book bag with your child's reading book/ reading sheets and diary will be sent home.

Monday- Book bag with reading book and diary returned to school (it's very important that reading books are returned on a Monday so we can use them with another group of pupils.)

Reading Diaries

Please use the reading diaries to share how your child reads their book.

We hope this helps. If you have any concerns or questions, please message us via Seesaw.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Keegan and Mrs. Stock