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Dear Parents and Carers,

## READING IN RECEPTION

In Reception, regular reading to and with your child is vital, as well as completing comprehension activities to help your child learn new skills and reinforce understanding.

Every week, your child will be given a reading book to bring home, along with a reading record for you to comment in. When your child reads their reading book, please remember to write a comment, date and sign the book; that way, we will know that you have read with your child at home. When six instances of reading have been recorded, your child will receive a stamp in their diary. **Six stamps = a bookmark. Six bookmarks = a special prize.** Competition is a great motivator and we firmly believe in rewarding effort and progress.

The Reception team will read with your child on a one-to-one basis once a week and will change their reading books accordingly. You are also welcome to select and change an additional reading book for your child every day. These books will be located on top of the drawers in the Reception cloakroom (see reading book bands below). Your child will also be encouraged to independently change their storybook (located in the wicker basket) which they can change as often as they like; these storybooks are to share in the evening with your child and are not reading books.

**Please remind your child to bring their book bag to school every day.** If you have any concerns or would like more information on reading in Reception please see Miss Kerry, your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fenner

## READING BOOK BANDS

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| Lilac  | Picture books- these books help to support your child's comprehension skills |
| Pink   | Phase 2 reading books  |
| Red    | Phase 3 reading books  |
| Yellow | Phase 4 reading books  |

*Please note that red level is the age-related expectation for children by the end of the Reception year*