

27<sup>th</sup> September

Dear parents and carers,

Fostering a love of reading at an early age helps children to develop a rich vocabulary, sparks their imagination and enhances their understanding for the world around them.

### **Reading for pleasure**

To support pupils with developing a love for literature, we will be sending home a story book each week. The children will select their own picture books to bring home from our school reading room. Please ensure these books are returned on a Tuesday ready to be changed over.

We are also excited to introduce Friday morning 'stay and reads'. We would like to invite one parent, carer or relative per child into the classroom every week to enjoy looking at a range of books and texts with your child. 'Stay and reads' will start from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and parents are invited into the classroom between 8.40-8.55am. These sessions are designed to allow for quality time with your child so would encourage for childcare arrangements to be made for younger siblings. However, when this is not possible, please speak to your class teacher.

Finally, every Tuesday afternoon, at 3pm, we will be introducing a 'mystery reader'. Our mystery reader may be a family member of the class, member of staff or a member of the community who will read and share stories with the class prior to home time. If you are interested in becoming a mystery reader, please contact the office.

### **Phonics – Learning to read**

We will continue to send home a weekly reading book which matches the children's reading levels and we will regularly update families with the sounds we have learnt in phonics that week.

We would like to invite parents and carers in on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm to our reception phonics workshop. The workshop will be lead by Miss Nelson (Phonics lead) Miss Hutcheon and Mrs Dil-Afruz. The 30 minute workshop will talk through how phonics is taught at school and also ways to support your child at home. The meeting will take place in the KS1 Hall.

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**Dates to remember:**

Every Tuesday – Story book and phonics reading book swap

Every Tuesday – Mystery reader, 3pm

Every Friday from 6<sup>th</sup> October – Stay and read, 8.40 – 8.55am, Classrooms

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Phonics Workshop, 2.45 – 3.15pm, KS1 Hall

We look forward to continuing our journey together.

Kind regards  
Miss Hutcheon  
(EYFS Lead)

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