Dear Parents

We hope your child has enjoyed the first term of this academic year and now we are approaching half term we would like to share with you some helpful reading strategies.

Daily reading is one of the best things you can do to support your children in their learning, whether that is reading to your child, hearing them read to you, asking them questions about the stories they have read or sharing a book together.

Books are changed once a week, due to Covid restrictions, with three books given at a time to ensure the children have enough reading material. If you run out of reading activities, please feel free to supplement your child’s reading with books from home, visiting the local library, using the Oxford Owl website.

We ask that you do read daily with your child and note any reading activity, however brief, in their yellow reading record. When writing in the reading record please write under the title of the correct book, note the pages read or if the book was completed and, to help us monitor home reading, please put a letter h. At school we will always put an s after our comment to show you when your child has read. We always value parental input into building a picture of your child as a reader so, if you have time, please include a comment related to how your child has read. Comments that are the most useful relate to their use of phonics to decode unknown words or phonemes they can keep practicing, comprehension of what they have read (please see the suggested comprehension questions stuck into the reading record when your child reaches yellow or above) or any further discussion you have about the book.

Your child’s class teacher will always be on hand to help with any queries you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

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