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Upper Key Stage 2 – Years 5 and 6

Dear Parents,

Recently, I have had the pleasure of talking to children across Key Stage 2 about their reading interests and experiences. It was delightful to hear of their enthusiasm for reading and I came away with lots of book recommendations!

We want to maximise the reading progress of all of our children in school and we've always valued the vital support we receive from parents. When school and home both monitor and encourage reading, we know the children make rapid progress. We felt it would be useful to clarify expectations in regard to reading in KS2.

In Years 5 and 6, children should read every evening. We understand that many of the children are becoming independent readers at this stage but it is vitally important that they still read their school reading books as these are designed to improve their vocabulary, reading skills and expose them to a variety of genres and types of writing. We ask that parents sign their Reading Diaries 2/3 times a week to let the teacher know that this reading has happened.

It is beneficial for children who are less fluent with their reading, to read aloud to parents. Those who are developing independence can read alone but should be encouraged to write in their Reading Diaries, discover the meaning of new words and talk about the story, characters and language in their school reading books with an adult. If they have enjoyed other books at home or from the library or on MyOn.co.uk, they can write those into their diary too. If parents then wish to add a comment about reading, that is helpful and encouraging to the children, they can do so. However, at a minimum, the diary should be signed by parents 2/3 times a week.

We see the benefits across all school subjects when the children can read, comprehend and enjoy books. Thank you for your support in helping them to develop this important life skill.

With thanks

Mrs Gray

English Lead