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Reading Books

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you so much to those who have attended one or both of the Stories at Bedtime events we have put on. It is great to see so many adults and children sharing books. We are looking at the next one introducing a little system where you can borrow one of the books to take home afterwards and return the next week.

As we all know, reading is the most important skill a child needs to help them with anything they do either in school/further education, or, as an adult, in the job market. We are trialling different ways of making sure we listen to children read as often as we can in school.

However, reading at home is so important, as the more children practice, the better they become. This includes children learning their sounds.

To help encourage children to read at home they are given a raffle ticket when they bring their books in. These tickets are saved and at the end of the half terms the class with the most tickets wins a prize. In addition to this, each Friday the raffle is drawn for prizes within the classes. The more tickets a child has, the more chances they have and also the more they contribute to the class prize at the end of the half term.

Please can you make sure that each morning your child has their reading book ready to put in the class tray ready for the teachers to check and change them.

I appreciate that listening to children read at home can be tricky, especially if there is more than one child to listen to, or they have other things they are involved in outside of school. Also, some of the books can be challenging, for example, what do you do with a book that has no words and why do we give children such books? If you have any worries or want to know more about how you can help your child read, please do not hesitate to come in to chat with the staff, including me, about things that might help.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us in school. If you have any time available in the afternoons and you would like to come and help, please could you sign and return the slip below. If you know of anyone, such as grandparents, who you think would like to help, please pass the slip to them.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Debra Ward

Volunteer Reading Helpers

Please complete and return the slip to school by **Monday 10th February**.

I would like to volunteer to help with readers on the following afternoon/s:
Please circle which afternoon you would be able to help.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Signed _____

Name _____

Child/ren in class/es _____