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### **Our Reading Journey**

Dear families,

As part of our commitment to developing a love of reading, we are updating how we teach reading and enjoy and explore books both at school and at home.

We begin with our youngest learners following the 'Little Wandle' program for Phonics. The children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 take part in daily lessons where they learn letters and sounds which are grouped into phases. Alongside this, children in Reception and Year 1 read a book aligned to their phase, 3 times per week with an adult in school.

These early steps give the children the skills they need to be able to read aloud with fluency and understand what they have read. Everyone learns in their own way, at their own pace therefore some children may need to repeat a phase, have catch up or keep up support or have a different reading book to their peers.

From Year 2 to Year 6, children complete daily guided reading sessions where they read a text and answer a range of questions.

#### **How can I help my child to develop their reading skills and a love of books?**

Reading with your child at home is key to the development of their skills and love of books. Children should read their reading book 5 times per week and will be awarded a Dojo Point for each time they read up to five points per week.

For children in Reception and Year 1, the book they bring home will be a book they can read. This will be a book that they have already read in class and should be able to read with accuracy and fluency. This is a book to develop their reading skills. They will also bring home a book to '**share**'. This book will have been chosen by the child for an adult to read to them. It may be a story book, poetry or non-fiction. Children have a wide range to choose from including books linked to their topic and from the library.

From Year 2 onwards, children choose their own book. These books are linked to their reading level and help to develop their recognition of trickier words, fluency and comprehension. Ongoing assessments will be used to inform teachers of the appropriate reading level for your child. They

should be slightly challenging and children may need to ask parents how to pronounce a word or what it means. From Year 2 onwards, all children will have the opportunity to choose a library book that can be brought home and changed once a week.

For all years, please **write in your child's reading record** whenever they have read at home. Feel free to make comments about anything they've done well or have found tricky as well as their enjoyment of the book.

Once a week, your child's class teacher will check their reading record and award Dojo Points. Please ensure that reading books and records are in school every day so that adults can monitor this.

Many thanks for all your support,

The Fritchley Team.