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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you for donating so many beautiful books to the Book Drive. As a result, of such a great response, we are able to let the children bring a 'choosing book' home alongside their phonics reader.

From now on, the children will have the opportunity to choose a book to take home and enjoy. Books can be returned and changed any day of the week, however, please note that reading records will still only be checked on a Friday.

Please enjoy sharing the book with your child; the pleasure a child gets from listening to an adult read to them is invaluable; aside from the direct teaching of vocabulary, which we undertake at school, reading is the most valuable way in which we can develop children's spoken and written vocabulary. Also, please remember we are never too old to enjoy listening to story.

Top tips for reading with your child:

1. Make time to read - even ten minutes a day.
2. Giving your child a choice over what they read is an important factor in boosting their enthusiasm for reading and children are more likely to be interested in books they have selected for themselves
3. Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions.
5. You can read anytime, anywhere!
6. Children don't just have to read their school book. They can read anything they wish e.g. a menu, a magazine, shop signs.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rapsey
English Lead