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## Reading gives you wings!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school!

One of the many things that teachers will be trying to do next week is to establish what books your child is reading at home and getting a flavour of their interests/preferred genres.

In order to help us keep a track of what they are reading, we are introducing new 'Reading gives you wings' reading records. The aim is ultimately to find out what they read, how often and find out their favourite books. As a reward for reading regularly at home, the children will receive a House Point when they reach the bottom of a page and a butterfly or bat (in their house colour) when they complete the card which they will add to a school display throughout the year.

When a reading record is complete, your child's teacher will keep it as evidence towards achieving the age related expectation for their year. Your child will then be issued with a new record.

There isn't a designated day to return these records but we ask they come to school when your child needs a House Point or butterfly/bat to add to the school display. If we haven't seen your child's reading record for a while, we may send a friendly reminder via text purely so the class teacher can see how much reading is happening at home. We hope this will be a way of ensuring a link between home and school; let's work together to make the children the best possible readers!

Please record each day that they read, indicating the books or chapter they have read on a given day. (Please only use one box per day; I know some avid readers read many books in one sitting!)

In October, our subscription of Bug Club will expire. We have chosen not to renew it based on responses from the questionnaire sent out to parents last year. We have

invested in lots of new books that children can take home. Please remind your child it is their responsibility to change their books regularly, either at the start of the day or end of the day. Your child's teacher will inform them which colour box to choose from. We have invested a lot of money in to these new books; please, please, please can we ask they are treated with respect! Thank you!

These books, along with anything they read can be added to their reading records.

We hope the children will enjoy the new books and enjoy celebrating the reading they do at home with us in school.

Thank you for your support.

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