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NEWBOTTLE PRIMARY ACADEMY - RECEPTION CLASSES

Dear Parent/s and Carer/s,

Your child has been given a home reading book and reading diary. Please share the book at home with your child for 10-15 minutes every day. The first sets of reading books are picture books to promote discussion about the characters and what is happening in the story. The reading diary is a means of communication between home and school to share information on how your child is managing the books. Please write a comment in the reading diary when you feel your child is ready for a new book. In accordance with our school's reading policy we can only change reading books once parents or carers have written a comment and signed the relevant box. These reading books and diaries are to be kept in the plastic wallet provided and returned to school **every day**.

If your child has not read the book we will return the book to you that day. Your child will be able to have a new reading book every day if you have signed the book, or we can return the current book if you feel they need more time. There is a box in the cloakroom for your child to put the book bags into. Please take care of these books as lost or damaged books will have to be paid for at a cost of £3.

Remember that all children are different and develop at different rates. Some children will find the reading process easier than others. Parental involvement is a key factor in children's reading progress and regular short reading sessions will be hugely beneficial to your child. If your child is tired or losing concentration you may like to talk about or read the book to him/her. Reading scheme books are just one way of encouraging reading so please continue to read library books and your child's own books at home.

We hope that you and other family members enjoy sharing these books with your child. If you have any queries or concerns about reading development you are most welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Reception staff