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Reading

Dear Parents / Carers

At Whitehall Infant School we want every child to love reading. Reading as a child is important to establish a lifelong love of reading. Our school priority is to ensure that every child becomes a fluent reader and that they enjoy reading.

As a school we will:

- Send home books each week with your child. They will receive at least 1 coloured scheme book and a library book.
- Books will be sent home in your child's book bag.

At home we ask that you:

- Ensure that your child brings their book bag in to school every day and that you check their book bag regularly for books, letters and information.
- Find a quiet place and listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes **every day**.
- Return the books in good condition once your child has finished reading them.
- Sign your child's reading record every time you read with them and make comments such as:
 - Today Tom was able to sound out unfamiliar words
 - Tom showed great fluency in his reading
 - Tom was able to answer questions about the story
 - Tom was able to understand the story

Books will only be changed if they are returned and the reading record has been signed.

Ideas on how to share books at home:

- Talk to your child about the cover and title of the book.
- Encourage your child to try new or unfamiliar words.
- Ask your child questions about the book they are reading.

Please encourage your child to look after the books they bring home. Sadly, schools do not have a lot of money to buy new books. A £5 fee will be charged for lost or damaged books.

We will be holding parent workshops on reading for each year group in the week commencing 8th October 2018. Details of the workshop will be sent out soon.

If you would like any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Ms McWhinney-Tripp
Literacy Lead



Learning at the heart of everything we do

