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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 recommended reading

Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. The demands of SATS and secondary school reading are high, so regular reading in Year 5 will help prepare them for challenges ahead.

It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. You and your child could take turns to read bits of the story. Make it a nurturing and bonding time for you and your child. Their reading will not improve and develop if reading becomes a chore.

Talking about the story:

As part of a natural conversation about a story, ask questions that will develop their comprehension, such as:

- What has just happened?
- Why do you think (the character) did that?
- If you were in the story, what would you do?
- What do you think is going to happen next?

CHOOSING A BOOK:

As you know, there are so many books out there! We want you to find a book you and your child will enjoy and to READ, READ, READ! In addition, we want your child to challenge themselves, and try reading books that will make them think and inspire them! Try visiting your local library and exploring the books with your child – they can try different books out at no cost to you. Here are some websites that provide lots of ideas for reading in Year 5. You can browse the books and read extracts.

Lovereading4kids.co.uk:

<http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/genreal/9/title>

schoolreadinglist.co.uk:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>



Here are some authors we recommend:

- Paul Jennings
- Michael Morpurgo
- Roald Dahl
- S.F. Said
- Kate Dicamillo

Examples of more challenging reads:

- Clockwork by Philip Pullman
- The Executioner's Daughter, by Jane Hardstaff

For reluctant readers:

Graphic novels by Doug TenNapel, such Ghostopolis, Cardboard and Bad Island are fun, exciting and full of interesting characters and plots for you to talk about with your child.

Here are some more useful links:

<https://blog.oxfordowl.co.uk/five-ways-to-encourage-reluctant-readers/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/making-time-for-books-at-home>

Happy Reading!

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