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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to introduce our new Reading Pathways initiative for this academic year. Each year group has been provided with a unique, carefully curated reading pathway designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading and help every child discover the joy of books.

Why reading matters more than ever

Did you know that children who read for pleasure are more likely to succeed in later life than those who do not? In fact, reading for pleasure has been shown to be more important for a child's educational success than their family's socio-economic background.

Research also shows that being read to by an adult has enormous benefits for children. It exposes them to rich vocabulary and language they may not yet be able to read independently, provides a safe space to discuss complex themes and ideas, and strengthens the emotional bond between adults and children.

Our Reading Pathways

We have carefully created a bespoke reading pathway for each year group. These pathways include high-quality texts featuring diverse voices, timeless classics and modern text types to ensure that every child experiences a wide range of literature throughout the year.

The challenge for all children is to read every book on their pathway by the end of the academic year. Children who complete their pathway will receive a special prize to celebrate their achievement.

Books may be read independently or shared with an adult at home.

Reading Targets

Our targets for the end of this year are:

- Children in Rabbits and Hedgehogs classes to read one pathway book each week.
- Children in Squirrels and Badgers classes to read two pathway books before the end of the school year.

Today, the children have chosen their first Reading Pathway book and we hope they are excited to begin their reading journey.

Book Care and Returns

These high-quality texts represent a significant financial investment for the school. To ensure future students can enjoy them, we must insist on their care.

Return Policy: Books must be returned in good condition once finished.

Tracking: We will maintain a record of which book each child has borrowed.

Replacement Fee: Please note that parents will be charged for the cost of the book if it is lost or returned damaged.



We are thrilled to offer this unique Reading Pathways opportunity! Reading for pleasure is a gift that provides children with:

- Increased wellbeing and relaxation
- Enhanced empathy and creativity
- Better academic outcomes across all subjects

Thank you for your continued support in helping us foster a love of reading in every child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lockley