Monday 29th March 2021

Reading Books

Dear Parents,

I am writing to ask that all school reading books be returned by Wednesday 31st March. These include book banded readers, 'free-readers' and any books from the class book corner that children have borrowed to enjoy at home. It is important for us to take inventory of these books over the Easter holiday so that we can ensure that the children have access to a broad range of quality books on their return for summer term. We would greatly appreciate you asking your children to have a good search for any books that they didn't realise they still had.

Over the Easter holidays we want to give children a rest from homework and so we will not be sending new books home tomorrow. We do want to encourage children to continue to read for pleasure and for their mental health and wellbeing so please remember that they can still access BugClub, if they wish.

As we know, reading is so important for children both for its academic rewards but also for children's mental health and wellbeing. Furthermore, a lot of research has gone into the impact of reading aloud to children. Reading to children supports vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, expression and progression. It's also a great excuse to have a cuddle and enjoy time together as a family.

Whether it be fiction, non-fiction or poetry, it can be difficult to know where to look for high quality texts suitable for your child's age group. If you struggle to know which books to choose, follow these links for age-specific book lists:

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/
https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/
https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/

Happy reading,

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