

## Year Five Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

By Year Five most children are reading fluently. In school, we will therefore be focussing on guided reading activities each week based around our whole class novel for the half term. We have found this approach really helpful as discussing the book as a whole class has improved the children's understanding of the text and it has also helped them to further develop and apply more complex reading skills. Some children may continue to read individually or as part of a smaller group in school if their teachers think they will benefit from additional reading input.

We recognise that while some children will be choosing their own books to read at home, others may not be reading as much and we want to ensure that all of the children are also reading at home. We will therefore also be sending individual reading books with the children. These books will be chosen by your child from the level that they are on.

### Organisation of Home Reading Books

- Books to be brought every Thursday to school along with the child's reading record in the bag provided. The children will have a library session every Friday and they will need their home reading book for this session.
- Books will be returned with your child on Fridays.
- The children can read the amount that they want but a good expectation would be at least 20 pages over the week.
- When your child has read, please write the page numbers read in their reading record. There is space to write a comment if you wish.
- We will check that the children have read and update our records accordingly. We will also read your comments and respond to them where appropriate.
- The children will be given the opportunity to change their book when they have finished, or if they are not enjoying the text.
- The children may want to read the text independently which is fine but it will help their reading progress if they also read some pages to you to check that they are understanding the text and vocabulary fully.

Thank you for your support

Please let us know if you have any concerns about your child's reading.

Year Five Teachers