



# Tanners Wood JMI School

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**Head Teacher: Mrs P Qureshi**

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**RE: Key Stage 1**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading continues to be a whole school priority this year and we have therefore adapted our reading timetable. It is important that your child continues to develop a love of books and an enthusiasm for reading. The reading sessions, which accommodate the expectations within the National Curriculum, are as follows:

- Teacher led sessions which teach the age appropriate reading skills. These sessions include a focus on; applying phonic knowledge to read unfamiliar words, noting punctuation through pausing and use of expression and developing an understanding of new vocabulary. There is also a heavy focus on discussing what has been read in order for the children to develop preferences as well as modelling an enthusiasm for reading.
- Comprehension sessions to help children to put these skills into practice. These sessions are supported by an adult who provides instant feedback to support and extend learning.
- Whole class reading sessions where children can access a range of books which meet their ability needs, interests and link to their topic work.
- Group reading / individual reading sessions where the children access books which are aimed at their individual reading abilities or slightly above.

We will now continue to send home the class reading extracts the week before they are used in class. This gives you the chance to read the same text with your child that they will read in class and therefore gain a fuller understanding of age appropriate texts. It also gives children the opportunity to 'pre-read' the extract and therefore aid comprehension of the text.

It is very important that the children maintain the expectation of reading at home daily and that this is recorded in their reading diaries. We appreciate the support you have given in this respect to date and ask that this continues throughout the school year and into the holidays.

Attached to this letter is an explanation of the various reading skills for successful readers, including possible questions to use to help initiate a conversation to enhance your child's comprehension of the text. If you have any questions about how you can support your child's reading whilst at home, please speak to their class teacher who will be happy to make some suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Schofield and Mr Harris  
(English Leaders)