



Tanners Wood JMI School

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Head Teacher: Mrs P Qureshi

29th September 2017

RE: Key Stage 2

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 teaching age appropriate reading skills. These include developing children's understanding about new vocabulary, inferring meaning, teaching children techniques to 'read around' words to decipher meanings and using evidence from the text to answer questions.
- Comprehension sessions to help children to put these skills into practice.
- Whole class reading sessions progressing to sessions based on an age-appropriate class book. They will read a section of this on a weekly basis, sometimes completing some of the chapters at home and complete tasks based on what they have read. These could range from discussion about characters, drawing scenes and settings or writing reviews of sections of the book to demonstrate their understanding.

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)