



Tanners Wood JMI School

ESTABLISHED 1952

Head Teacher: Mrs P Qureshi

29th September 2017

RE: Reception

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 develops a love of books and an enthusiasm for reading. Reading will be taught as follows:

- Teacher led Literacy sessions which model and teach children the age appropriate reading skills. These sessions focus on; teaching sounding out and blending, noting punctuation, identifying rhyming and developing an understanding of new vocabulary. There is also a heavy focus on discussing what has been read and modelling an enthusiasm for reading.
- Daily phonics lessons where children are exposed to new letters / clusters of letters (graphemes) and sounds (phonemes).

After half term your child will also have:

- Daily reading sessions where children are heard read as part of a group (once a week) and complete activities and games based on reading and phonics. These sessions also include the use of story sacks which enable your children to have a hands-on experience of a well known story.

In addition to the activities above your child will be heard to read at least 2-3 times a week by an adult. We would like all parents to follow this up at home and make comments in their child's reading diary. Whilst it is important for your child to read their school book at home, please feel free to include additional books which they have read.

You will be aware that the children take home their black box which contain graphemes and words covered in their phonic sessions. The children will have been taught the correct sound which accompanies each grapheme.

Attached to this letter are suggestions of how to support your child at home as well as some useful web links. If you have any questions about how you can support at home, please speak to the class teacher who will be happy to make some suggestions. We have also attached some information about how we develop reading skills at school which may be informative to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Schofield and Mr Harris
(English Leaders)