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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Subject: Your Child's Reading Journey

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below an important step in supporting your child's reading development. Your child has a book bag and their books will be changed on a designated day each week. This will be written on your child's reading record. This is part of our commitment to fostering a love of reading and building essential literacy skills.

The books your child takes home are carefully selected to match their phonic knowledge and reading level. We ask that your child rereads these books to build fluency, confidence and accuracy in word reading. Consistent practice is key, so we kindly request that you dedicate time each evening to read with your child. After each reading session, please sign their reading record and feel free to include comments. Here are some examples of helpful observations you might include:

- "My child is using their phonics to decode words effectively."
- "They are checking that the text makes sense as they read and self-correcting when needed."
- "My child is sounding out unfamiliar words accurately and reading with increasing fluency."

Reading aloud and revisiting these books together will strengthen their phonics foundation and help them progress as confident, independent readers.

In addition to the physical books sent home, your child also has access to *Bug Club*, an engaging online reading platform. Their teacher has carefully allocated books on Bug Club that align with their reading level. This provides another opportunity for your child to practice reading in an interactive and enjoyable way. Please encourage your child to log in regularly and explore the books assigned to them.

Reading in Key Stage 1 is an essential gateway to learning across the curriculum. It is during this critical period that children develop the skills and habits that will enable them to access all areas of knowledge, from science to history and beyond. Your involvement at home plays a vital role in reinforcing this foundation and helping your child develop a lifelong love of learning.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's educational journey. Together, we can ensure that they have the tools they need to succeed and thrive.

Warm regards,

Miss Pinnock

Reading Leader