



Thursday 27th November

Dear Parents/Carers

Reading At The Firs

We passionately believe that reading is the most important thing children will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we have put in place a carefully designed reading programme, beginning with the Read Write Inc. scheme, which systematically develops reading skills and builds confidence and then continuing with Accelerated Reader, that helps to continue the reading journey, so each child sees themselves as an effective reader and develops a love of reading, from an early age.

We want to work together with all our parents and carers to make sure every child has a great experience with their reading at The Firs, as the reading practice and experience children get at home makes such a huge difference to both their rate of progress and their feelings about books and reading.

We want to establish a clearer understanding of what we will do to support this and what help we need from parents and carers at home and so for this reason we have created a Reading Partnership Agreement (accompanying this letter) which sets out what we can all do **together** to help children to achieve well with and love their reading.

We want to do all we can to support you in helping your child with their reading and so in addition to the Partnership Agreement, we will also be emailing some resources soon that we hope will help, along with some ideas about recommended books that your child might want to read or which you could share with them, so that we are actively supporting those lovely reading moments with your child at home!

Yours sincerely,

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