

3rd November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are proud that our school has a library that all our pupils visit and enjoy, regardless of age or ability. This shows the school's commitment to '**Reading for Pleasure**' and its importance in a child's educational journey. 'Reading for Pleasure' opens up new worlds for children. It gives children the opportunity to develop a positive attitude towards books and a take life-long interest in reading. It also encourages them to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. 'Reading for Pleasure' also has many non-literacy benefits and can improve children's well-being and empathy, help them to understand their own identity, increase empathy and improve relationships with others.

We will be starting class visits to the library with F2 on Monday 8th October and this will continue every week. Please continue to send book bags in every **Monday**.

The children will visit the school library with their book bags and choose a book to be read and enjoyed at home, alongside their phonics reading book.

Our policy is one book in, one book out, so please return both the phonics reading book **and** the library book every week.

Please talk to your child as to what types of books you think they will enjoy sharing with you – maybe a bedtime story, a book about dinosaurs, football, ballet, pets etc.

Our School Librarian (Library Jane) will be on hand in the library to help them choose a book and ensure that the book is age appropriate. You may find they choose a book they have read before – children often keep returning to a book when there is something in the story that is familiar or appeals to them. However, if you cannot read 'Room On The Broom' one more time, or have any other comments or suggestions for your child's choice, please feed this back to the class teacher or write a note in their Reading Record, and this message will be passed on to the library.

We will hopefully be running some reading and story sharing events in school at a later date and hope that you will be able to join us promoting 'Reading for Pleasure'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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School Librarian