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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Since September, Key Stage 1 have taken a new approach to the teaching of reading. The approach, called Reading Squads, will provide children with short but high quality reading sessions, which will improve their reading overall. The new system will mean that children will be reading or completing comprehension tasks every single day. Therefore, this means reading diaries will not be signed every day but the diaries will be checked so that children can move up the Aiming High display.

As part of the approach, children take part in small group guided reading sessions five times a week, with an adult. Children will be introduced to new reading emoji's, each one with a specific skill that the children should be using in their reading.



Reporter

Skill: Retrieving

Job: The reporter finds the main information in the text.



Detective

Skill: Inferring

Job: The detective works things out and makes conclusions.



Translator

Skill: Vocabulary

Job: The translator knows and can explain what words in a text mean.



Storyteller

Skill: Sequencing

Job: The storyteller looks at events in a text and puts them in the correct order.

Children will be sent home with books appropriate to their reading level and phonics stage. Their comprehension will now be assessed through benchmarking at several points throughout the school year in school.

Our expectation is still for children to read these books at least four times a week at home. Please remind children that if they need to change their book, then they should do so as and when within the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Pitt and Miss Woodward.



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