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Reading at home

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to ask you as parents and carers for your support in developing the reading and comprehension skills of our young people.

We are working hard in school to develop reading through the addition of a new systematic synthetic phonics programme called Red Rose Letters and Sounds, that is being implemented daily for those who need it, as well as continuing with guided reading and other reading activities during English and other lessons.

We currently have online access to a programme called 'Bug Club'. On this programme your child's phonics teacher is able to set books that are at the right reading and comprehension level for your child. This can be accessed online via the web browser on any electronic device with access to the internet. I have asked all class teachers to re-share your child's log in so that you have access to this at home. I am pleased to tell you that we have comprehensively strengthened our 'paper book' offer and the students will also be bringing home a book with a reading record. Please add a brief comment when you do read so that we can support or help further in school if needed. The staff will also add comments when they have heard the students reading.

Just 5 to 10 minutes a night will make a huge difference to your child's progress in reading.

Further to this, later in the Autumn Term, I am planning on offering some training and phonics workshops to our families and I will get these dates out to you as soon as possible.

As always, I thank you for your continued help and support.

Yours sincerely,

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