South Ossett Infants Academy

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Dear Parents,

Reading is one of life's most essential skills. At South Ossett Infants Academy, we want every child to develop a love of books, enthusiasm for promoting their reading skills and grow to be confident, competent readers. As a parent, we know that you play a vital role in supporting your child's reading development and our partnership between home and school is essential for success with this life skill.

Previously, your child has come home with a reading book on a Friday to be returned on a Monday. Having reviewed this with teachers, we feel that children should be taking reading books home every day so that they develop a love of reading and enhance their fluency skills. From **Monday 25th November**, we will begin to use an online reading record called 'Boom Reader' that is accessible for parents, pupils and staff and will hold a record of your child(ren)'s reading journey.

From Monday, your child will come home with a banded reading book (**KS1 only**) from our new reading scheme or a decodable book linked to our phonics scheme (**UFS only**). Your child's reading folder and book should be brought into school **everyday** as adults in school will also hear your child read throughout the week. Once your child has finished reading their book, they can change it at school (KS1 **do not** have to reread their book).

Here are some of the benefits of Boom Reader:

For Parents:

- Simple login to record reading on any device
- Can share information with school easily (tricky words/general comments) to support home/school communication
- 1 reading record for all your children at school

For Children:

- Rewarded with gems for reading
- Quick and easy to use
- Record any books that they have read at home or school
- Create avatars using the gems they have earned

For School:

- Record of all books read throughout a pupil's time at school
- Instant whole school view of reading
- Reduced environmental impact

For Staff:

- Quick and easy to use- less time consuming
- Record reading on any device in school
- No loss of records
- Full access to child's reading record

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We have purchased lots of brand-new books for your child to enjoy, therefore, if one should get lost, it will need replacing at the cost of £8. To help with your child's understanding of their reading, here are some questions you could ask them:

What does this word mean?
What does this word/sentence tell you about the character/setting?
What do you think is happening in the …?
Who are the characters in this text?
What colour coat was she wearing?
What word describes the dog?
What does the word... tell you about...?
How do you know that the character is feeling like that?
Why did the character go to…?
What is similar/different about the two characters?

All reading will be logged on Boom Reader and tracked by class teachers. If your child reads 3 or more times a week, they will be rewarded on Friday in class.

To sign up to Boom Reader, you will receive a parent guide which explains how to set up and use the app. You will also receive a letter from your child's class teacher with your child's log in details.

As a school, we understand that lots of changes are happening, but we believe that these changes will make a positive difference in your child's academic success.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Andrews

Assistant Headteacher

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