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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we continue to journey through another enriching school year, I want to highlight an additional aspect of reading that is often overlooked but holds immense value: the practice of rereading books to develop fluency. As you may have noticed, this year we have moved to changing books, once a week. This is to promote the importance of rereading books to develop fluent readers.

Fluency, the ability to read with accuracy, speed, and expression, is a crucial component of effective reading. Encouraging your child to revisit familiar books can significantly contribute to the development of fluency. Here's why it matters:

1. **Builds Confidence:** Rereading provides a sense of familiarity and mastery. As your child becomes more familiar with a book, they gain confidence in their reading abilities, boosting their overall self-esteem.
2. **Improves Accuracy:** Reading the same text multiple times allows children to improve their accuracy. They become more skilled at recognising and decoding words, leading to smoother and more precise reading.
3. **Enhances Speed:** Fluency involves reading at an appropriate pace. Rereading helps children develop a natural flow, gradually increasing their reading speed without sacrificing comprehension.
4. **Develops Expression and Prosody:** Expressive reading involves emotions and intonation into the text. By revisiting familiar books, children can focus on adding expression and prosody to their reading, making the experience more engaging for both them and their audience.
5. **Reinforces Comprehension:** Repetition aids comprehension. Through rereading, children deepen their understanding of the plot, characters, and overall meaning of a story. This, in turn, contributes to improved comprehension skills.




Here are some tips on how you can support your children on their reading journey:

- **Select Favourite Books:** Encourage your child to revisit their favourite books. Whether it's a beloved story or a character they adore, the emotional connection can make the reading experience more enjoyable.
- **Rotate Reading Material:** While revisiting favourites is valuable, also introduce a variety of reading materials. This exposes your child to different writing styles, genres, and vocabulary, enriching their overall reading experience.
- **Read Aloud Together:** Reading aloud with your child provides an opportunity to model fluent reading. Take turns reading paragraphs or pages, and discuss the story together.
- **Set Realistic Goals:** Establish achievable goals for rereading sessions. This could include reading a certain number of pages or chapters during a specified time. Celebrate their progress to keep them motivated.

By incorporating rereading into your child's reading routine, you are not only fostering fluency but also nurturing a deeper appreciation for the joy of reading.

Thank you for your ongoing support in cultivating a love of reading in our little people.

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me,  
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