

NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"

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Dear Parents of Squirrels Class,

It has been a wonderful week in Squirrels class - so good to be a whole class again!

Miss Moore, Mrs Stone, Mrs Clark, Mrs Elson and I have been impressed with everyone, adapting well at being back in school. We will be doing our best to help support each child as best we can.

Reading Books

Each child will have their reading book, which will be handed in and checked on a Monday. If it is a book from school, once finished, the book will be placed into a quarantine box for 72 hours, before being returned to the shelf. On Mondays, reading logs will be checked, signed and house points issued.

It is already abundantly clear the general reading ability across both year groups is not where it would normally be at this stage of the children's learning regardless of the pandemic. Furthermore, school absence **has** had a big impact on reading progression. Our aim is not to play 'advanced catch up' with reading but we must all help your child in the best way – but home reading as much as possible.

We would therefore ask you hear your child read for at least 10 mins every day and in addition please read a story **to** them. The more a child is read to, and the more they read themselves, the better they will become – it is that simple. Practice *really does* make perfect and, the more a child reads, the better their overall academic achievement and social skills will be. Reading aloud with young children, even if they can't fully understand what you are saying, gives them the skills they need for when they begin to read by themselves. It shows children that reading is something achieved by focusing from left to right and that turning pages is essential for continuing. Reading to children can help with language acquisition and will stimulate the part of the brain that processes language.

At North Newton School we have always had huge support from parents with reading at home and we sincerely hope you can continue to support us even more at this crucial time of your child's development.

With continued thanks for the support you are giving your child

Mr Arnold
Class teacher

Miss Moore
Class teacher