

Dear Parents,

Reading Project

Traditionally at Portfields we value reading, and the important contribution that parents made to their children's progress. Previously we ran a very successful reading project which we would like to run again this term.

Your child has been chosen to take part in the 'Reading Project'. The aim of this project is to help develop your child's reading skills, with a further focus on discussion. We would like you to set aside *15 - 20 minutes every day* to help them for the next ten weeks.

For ten minutes your child will either read their reading book or something else of their choice (book, magazine, newspaper - anything with words on). They can either read to you or independently. If your child is reading independently, it is a good idea for you to also read something of your choice at the same time. By doing so, you will show them that reading is something that anyone can do for pleasure.

For the next 5 - 10 minutes you need to talk to them about what they have read; ask them questions and encourage them to give detailed answers. At the end of the session, please sign their reading log.

Examples of questions you might like to ask:

What were you reading?

Why did you choose that?

What did you like about it?

Why do you like reading about?

What do you do when you get to a difficult bit? Why do you do that?

Why do you like funny / scary / sad books? (depending on what they are reading)

Do you have a favourite character?

What do you like/dislike about them?

Why did ... (character) do that?

Is there anyone horrible in the book?

What are they like? Why do they behave like that?

Tell me a bit more about....

What do you think is going to happen next? Why?

If English is not your family's first language, then it is absolutely fine to talk about the book in another language. The most important thing though is that your child reads in English every day, and develops the ability to talk about their book.

Your child's teacher will check their reading record every day. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to write a note to the teacher in the reading log or make an appointment to come into school to talk to them.

If you have any questions or would not like your child to take part in this project, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support in helping your child to become a better reader.

Yours sincerely,

MARY ST-AMOUR
Headteacher

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Parents/Carers of :

Class:

I would like/ I would not like to commit to helping my child improve their reading by taking part in the Reading Project.