



The Federation of Riders Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our Riders Weekly Roundup

We are delighted that as the members of our Riders family settle back into school, we have both been on the look out for visible acts of kindness. Some children have already been recognised for going above and beyond for helping others and we look forward to sharing many more successes in assembly and with you over the coming weeks.

This week in getting to know your child all our teachers and adults have focused on making sure every child gets off to a good start with their reading. Today all children from years 1 to 6 will bring home a reading book. To support your child with their reading at home it is helpful for them if they can practise with you or another family member at least 3 times in the week. If you can fit in 4 or 5 times you should really see great progress!

Here are a few more top tips for supporting your child as they are developing their reading skills:

- Try to make reading time fun! Encourage your child to read out loud. Aim to read little and often, but not when your child is tired!
- Encourage your child to try blending the sounds e.g. c r a sh. Run your finger under each sound in turn to encourage the reader to blend the sounds together.
- Spot key sound patterns in the words and ask your child to look out for them.
- If there are pictures explore them with your reader.
- Make a note in the reading log of any words your child finds tricky.
- Encourage your child to think about the meaning of the whole sentence. If need be, skip ahead and then come back to a word.
- Try reading some pages to your child or take it in turns so your child knows what fluent reading sounds like.
- Read a wide range of stories, information books and poems.
- Use the reading book marks to give you more clues on how to support your child.

We look forward to re-launching our reading challenge across the whole school in the next few weeks. Please look out for information, coming soon!

Yours sincerely

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