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C of E Primary School

Monday 9th September 2024

Dear parents and carers

Your child has been given their first school reading book. These books have no words, however are an important introduction to reading and are specifically designed to tell a simple story through the pictures alone. These books help children to develop speaking and listening skills, through creating and telling stories

Here are some suggestions of questions you could ask when you are discussing a wordless book:

- **Before reading the book:** Can you find the front cover? Can you point to the title? What can you see on the front cover? What do you think the story might be about? - Remember to support your child to hold the book correctly.
- **Whilst reading the book:** What is happening on this page? What do you think might happen next? Can you turn to the next page? What do you think might happen at the end of the story? – Remember to encourage your child to talk about the left-hand page before the right-hand page.
- **After reading the book:** Who was the book about? What happened in the story? Did you like this book - Why? What was your favourite part?

Please could write in the reading record when you have heard your child read, as this helps us to know when to change their reading books. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. We expect that children will have looked at the book with an adult at home, at least two times, before it is changed.

Children will also visit the school library on a Thursday and will be able to choose a book to take home for the week. Please return these books, so that they can be changed, on a Thursday.

It is still very important that you continue to share your child's library book and any other books you have at home to encourage reading for pleasure.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Chaplin