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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Pinxton Village Academies, we strongly believe that reading is an essential skill that opens doors for our children. It is at the heart of everything we do and we are constantly striving to ensure that all children have every opportunity from the very beginning to 'learn to read' so that they can 'read to learn'. This prepares them academically, socially and emotionally for now and in the future.

Our approach to reading is designed to teach children how to become fluent and confident readers. It is, therefore, vital that your child finds learning to read a rewarding and successful experience. It is hoped that this will in turn help the children to access other areas of the curriculum to help them to become confident learners who are eager to expand their own knowledge.

With World Book Day coming up this week we want to celebrate how much our children love reading for pleasure. We have noticed that in some cases children are not reading as much at home as they were. We know that sometimes children can be tired after a full day at school which may make them reluctant to read at home; and, for reading to have the maximum benefit it must be enjoyed. If reading at home is becoming difficult here are some ideas to help:

- Avoid confrontation!
- Offer alternative reading material e.g. internet, magazines, an old and familiar book.
- Encourage reading at different times of the day (read the cereal box at breakfast; signs when you are out and about; leaflets in the shop etc).
- Borrow audiobooks from the library or listen online to encourage a love of language.
- Share reading activities together and interact with the text together e.g. work together on the internet to explore a football team website etc.

Home/school partnership is the key to success. It is incredibly important that you listen to your child read **every day** and note this in their school diaries (even if it just your initials). Reading with your child daily is so important and such a lovely activity to do together. If you would like support with listening to your child read at home, please speak to their class teacher or Miss Dickson or Mrs Carlin. If you would like to see what reading with the children looks like in action please scan the QR code. 😊



Thank you for your continued support.

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