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Dear Year 3 - Year 5 Families,

Re: Reading Diaries

I wanted to thank those who attended our family reading sessions this week. It was reassuring to have so many of you in attendance and to hear so many encouraging words about the reading diary and about the school in general. I was also pleased to hear that our children are excited by our recent initiatives including the new diaries and pen licences and that they talk about these with you at home.

For those who were unable to attend the session, please find the slides from the meetings shared with you [here](#) on our school website.

Please continue to encourage and support the children at home to complete the diaries and to practise their weekly spellings. Please add your comments and signature to the diary after you have read with your child and have supported them with writing their own comments. It is without a doubt that those children who read at home develop a stronger and richer vocabulary and ultimately do better at school. Sharing stories at home increases empathy and shows children new perspectives and new worlds. Twenty minutes each day makes a huge difference and improves the future chances for our children.

In the meantime, should anyone have any questions or queries about the reading diaries, please speak with your child's classteacher for clarity.

Kind regards

Derek Hewie
Headteacher