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Dear parent/carers

Supporting Children's Reading at Glade

Welcome to a new year at Glade Primary School! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and we are all looking forward to working with you to support your child's learning. It is, without doubt, that learning to read is one of the most important aspects of education and confidence in reading will help your child to make great progress in all areas of the curriculum. Reading enriches vocabulary, stimulates imagination, deepens knowledge and, ultimately, increases life opportunities. Children who practice their reading regularly are more articulate and better at writing. They form empathy, broaden horizons and develop curiosity about the world around them. Put simply, regular reading leads to successful learning!

At Glade, we hope to foster a life-long love of reading in our pupils to ensure they build a firm foundation for their future education. Your child will practice a variety of types of reading whilst at school. Our younger pupils learn to read through a phonics system called *Read, Write, Inc* and, once they are able to use their phonics to sound out words, will practice daily guided reading with an adult. They will also be given a school book to take home and share with an adult. This book may be from the classroom collection or school library and can be changed as often as you wish. Your child will read to teachers and teaching assistants on an individual basis and will use their reading skills across the curriculum. Our school receives regular visits from the Suffolk Library Van, where children can choose a selection of books for their classroom, and we receive half-termly selections of books connected to our school learning topics. We also participate in a range of activities, including story cafes, to promote literacy and will soon be celebrating Roald Dahl day (information to follow shortly!).

At Glade, we expect all pupils to read to an adult at home on a daily basis. Just ten minutes a day, sharing a book and talking about what your child has read will have a significant impact on their progress. It would be wonderful if you could share a variety of texts to help your child's development. As well as age-appropriate story books, why not try children's comics, newspapers or fact books! In fact, the more variety the better!

You should record each occasion you listen to your child read in their home/school diaries and this will be monitored at school. Once a child has read 10 times to an adult at home, they will be presented with a bronze reading award certificate in assembly. 20 times will win a prize and, after reading at home 30 times, your child will be able to attend "Star of the Week" party - with snacks, games and the chance to try and beat Mr Smith at Mario Kart! The greatest reward, of course, will be that your child will become a confident reader, developing a love of books which will serve them well throughout their entire education.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions about reading and writing at Glade. We want to help all our pupils reach their full potential at school and would like to work closely with you to ensure all children meet these important goals.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher