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Dear Parent,

Reading Records/Boom Reader

This year, as many of you will know, we trialled a new way to record your child's reading, BoomReader. Thank you to all those parents who embraced this new system and to those who have provided us with their feedback. There have been many positives over the past term and a half, but also some challenges and as always, we want to ensure that any system is both manageable and has the desired impact on children's learning. We have certainly noticed a significant drop in the number of parents recording their child's reading.

Accordingly, going forward we are going to split the way that reading is recorded, with Key Stage One and Reception reverting to paper based diaries and Key Stage continuing with BoomReader until the end of the year when we will review the situation again.

Reception and KS1

In KS1 as of Monday 13th March, you will have a paper-reading diary to record your child's reading. I hope that this will be an easier and more time efficient way for you to record every read. Please ensure that your child is reading for at least 10 minutes a day and that this is recorded in their diary. You will no longer need to enter any details onto BoomReader. Staff will use the paper diaries to monitor reading at home and will change books once parents have signed to say that the required reading has been completed. **Books will not be changed if diaries have not been signed.** Books will continue to be changed twice a week on the days previously identified. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you have any questions.

KS2

In KS2, the children will continue to use BoomReader. Please encourage your child to log their reads. In KS2, children should still be reading to an adult and therefore either you or your child can log the read. It is important in KS2 that they are reading to others to help develop their intonation and reading comprehension. Reading is not just about fluency.

Please follow the 'how to guide' to remind you how to add a new book. In class, we will be spending time teaching the children to log in and upload their reads. In school, we will use these records to monitor each child's reading and identify those pupils who may benefit from some additional support. Again, **books will only be changed if a reading log has been completed.**

We will review the use of BoomReader, particularly for KS2 pupils, before the end of this academic year so that we can make an informed decision regarding the purchase of this programme for next year.

Thank you for your support as always. Hopefully, these changes will have the desired effect and parents, or indeed pupils themselves, will record all home reading. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher or myself, I would be happy to help.

Your sincerely,

Miss Fraser (Reading Lead)

