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Dear Parents

As we approach the half way point of Year 2, we are really starting to focus on the skills needed to reach age related expectations or beyond in Reading

In school we have a wide variety of books which the children may borrow to read at home, however they can, and should, also read books from home too. It would be really helpful if your child could bring their reading book to school each day too

As we listen to and assess the children's reading we look out for the following things:

- Do they use expression when someone is speaking?
- Do they use intonation when reading so as not to sound like a robot?
- Do they take notice of punctuation when reading aloud?
- Can they read quickly and accurately?
- Can they make inferences (read between the lines) and explain what is happening in the book?
- Can they make plausible predictions about what might happen next in a story?
- Can they compare the character in the book they are reading to a character they have read about before? How are they similar? How are they different?
- Can they discuss how the themes in different books are similar or different?
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By looking out for these things and asking these kinds of questions as you hear your child read, you will be helping your child read at the expected or greater depth standard. As part of our reading curriculum the children are read to for at least ten minutes each day and we ask that you listen to them for the same amount of time each day too. By doing this and by using the pointers above, your child will have the best possible chance of achieving their targets.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, we would love to talk it through with you, please just let the office know

Many thanks for your continued support

Kindest regards

Mr Turnbull and Mrs Petch

