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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home reading books

Your child will begin to bring home reading books from our Level 1, Lilac book band. These books are wordless or have very few words but are very important to your child's reading development. Wordless books support children to develop many literacy skills including developing vocabulary, prediction skills, storytelling and they support children to learn the order and direction in which they read, without the pressure of words on the page. The pictures provide lots of opportunities for playing with environmental sounds; an important first step in the teaching of phonics.

Activities and ideas when sharing these books with your child:

1. Look together at the front cover together. Ask your child what they notice and what they think the story might be about?
2. Read the title of the book to your child, pointing to the words as you read. Ask if they think the title gives any clues about the story.
3. Look through the pictures in the book together to find anything that sparks an interest. This is a great opportunity to support and develop new vocabulary.
4. Using the pictures in the book, tell the story, allowing your child to add anything they would like to the story. Ask them if they can think of different endings or what else could happen?
5. Encourage your child to take a turn telling their own version of the story.
6. Recap and review - ask questions about the book including favourite illustration / characters / part of the story.

Children's reading books will be changed twice a week and should be sent to school every day.

Please can you spend about 10 minutes each night reading. It is important that you spend time, little and often, looking at and sharing stories together, rather than spending long periods of time on a book.

Thank you

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