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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Reading Update September 2023

First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you for the support, time and effort you provide your child regarding reading. Sharing and talking about the books read will have a positive impact on your child for the rest of their lives.

At Hawthorn, we value reading and we ensure all our children have access to daily story time sessions, daily phonics lessons, daily reading skills sessions, daily independent reading sessions, time to read to a grown up, weekly library sessions. We also offer a diverse selection of Accelerated Reader books and the full range of phonic books that are pitched at your child's specific stage of reading. The children also have the chance to discuss what they have read with their friends as well as giving recommendations for books to read. We ensure that our children have access to fiction, non-fiction, poetry and picture books as well as culturally diverse books.

### Reading Record Book / Reading Journal

EYFS & KS1 – your child has a Reading Record Book which they bring home every day along with their levelled reading / phonic book. Please make a note of what your child has read at home. It would be great for us to know if you have shared any other books with your child as well!

KS2 – your child has a Reading Journal. This is a book for the children to track their reading experience. As a minimum, the children should make a note of the date and the pages read. However, the children are encouraged to think more creatively about the books they read and add details into their journal, eg: write a short gist of the section read, write down predictions for the future, make links to other books read, make links to things that have happened in their own lives, imagine and create new characters for the story, create word searches based on characters and settings... the ideas for journaling are endless!

### Reading Bookmarks

Every child has a reading bookmark. This is helpful for you as it has question stems to support you in your book talk conversations at home. The bookmark also has 6 recommended reads for your child to try and read over the next academic year.

### Reading Raffle

When your child has read 5 times at home, they will receive a reading raffle ticket. At the end of each term, the raffle is drawn and the lucky winner receives a brand-new book! We really do advocate children reading a minimum of 5 times a week at home.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

Kind regards,

Miss Blakeley