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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Finches,

Re: Support with reading at home

I am writing to you to ask for your help in supporting your children to read with you at home as much as possible.

Reading is like anything, the more you practise the better you get.

As the children are at an early age in their journey to become competent and fluent readers, they do need, at this stage, maximum opportunity to practise.

Whether they are reading their 'Little Wandle' book or another book with you at home, or whether you are reading to them from a book that is too difficult for them to read themselves, it all helps. Listening to harder books helps the children to improve their vocabulary. Practising reading out loud to an adult or an older sibling at home will help develop fluency and confidence.

I'm sure you will agree that we all want to help the children to master this difficult skill as soon as possible to ensure they make good progress in reading and are able to access the rest of the curriculum as they move up the school. We also hope to help children foster a love of reading for their future lives.

Another way to help children develop their reading skills is to have the subtitles on when they are watching television which is a very easy way to help. This helps them to match sounds to letters and recognise tricky words which do not follow a pattern that can be 'sounded out'.

We would hope that children would be reading out loud to you for at least ten minutes a day.

Please sign in the home school diary to say when you have read with your child.

Many thanks for your support.

Sue Williams

Mrs S Williams

Headteacher

