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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have noticed over the past few years that fewer children are reading at home with their parents. This is having a damaging impact on the children's knowledge across the curriculum because reading is a fundamental skill that all children need in order to be successful at school and in life. See below some of the benefits of regular reading (20 minutes per day) at home:

1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brain.

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

3. Reading improves concentration.

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination.

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

8. Reading is a fun.

A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

10. Children who read achieve better in school.

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.



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Book Weeks

From Tuesday, 26th February to Friday, 8th March we will be celebrating Book Weeks; this year the theme is **The Power of Three**. The rule of three is a common storytelling device and rhetorical technique. As a storytelling device, you find it most often in fairy tales, myths, and fables.

The rule of three... suggests that things that come in threes are inherently funnier, more satisfying, or more effective than other numbers of things.

The children will be focusing on the following books:

Nursery - Goldilocks and the 3 bears

Reception - the 3 little pigs

Year 1 - the 3 billy goats gruff

Year 2 - Rumpelstiltskin

Year 3 - Aladdin

Year 4 - The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

Year 5 - The 3 Musketeers

Year 6 - Macbeth

Throughout the week the children will be involved in a variety of activities to promote the love of reading including:

- Visits to the local library
- Story swap where your child can choose which class he/she wants to go to and listen to a story

Lastly but by no means least, our World Book dress up day! **On Thursday, 7th March 2019**, we will celebrate World Book Day where the children should wear a costume based on the book they are focusing on in class or a character from one of their favorite stories. It should be a character that your child is familiar with so they can tell the rest of their class about the character and why they chose that person.

Playground Bagels

Starting Monday, 18th March (please note change in date), we are very happy to invite your child to our fantastic new free breakfast provision! Each morning starting at 8:40, bagels will be served in the playground as the children arrive, and before they go into class, offering every child great fuel for learning.

Research has shown that children who have a healthy breakfast achieve more at school so make sure your child doesn't miss out! But please note we will stop serving breakfast at 8:55am so please make sure your child is in school before that time!

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **3L Friday, 8th March 2019** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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