PRIESTMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Moving Onwards and Upwards Together
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child will be bringing a library book home with them to share with you. This book is for you to read to your child and will be one they have chosen from the selection available in their class. Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support their education.

Here are a few tips to help make reading an enjoyable experience:

1. Find a quiet place where you can focus on your child and the book.
2. Read the book to your child, using different voices for each character. Encourage your child to join in with any repeated phrases.
3. Ask questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?" or "Which character did you like best?"
4. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures.
5. Don't let too many questions detract from the enjoyment of the story.

Please ensure that library books are returned to school on **Wednesdays**. New books will be sent home on **Fridays**. If your child does not return their previous book, they will not be able to choose a new one to take home.

Please take care of all school reading books. If a book is lost, damaged or not returned, parents/carers will be asked to pay £5 to cover the cost of replacing it.

Please write comments in the orange reading diary so that the class teacher can see that the book has been shared with you.

RWI (Read Write Inc.)

Later in the year, children will be assessed in their phonics. When we feel they are ready, they will begin bringing home a RWI (Read Write Inc.) book linked to the sounds and words they have been learning in class.

These books are carefully matched to your child's reading ability and are intended for your child to read to you. Please use the orange reading diary to record when your child reads at home, as this helps us to keep track of their reading progress.

RWI books should also be returned to school on **Wednesdays** and new books will be sent home on **Fridays.**

Children who are ready for reading books will also be assigned books via Oxford Owl. When this becomes relevant, your child's individual login details will be placed inside their orange reading diary.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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