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Dear parents and carers,

We are finding that many of our children are not reading regularly at home and we want your help to change this! We are encouraging all our children to read for at least 45 minutes every day.

The BBC puts the importance of this best: "Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education so try to put aside time for it every day."

Indeed, Schools Minister, Nick Gibb, has stated that reading books regularly is the equivalent to an extra year of schooling for children and this is supported by research from the National Literacy Trust and OECD.

We expect Year 6 children to take responsibility for recording all their reading – the number of pages they read and how long they read for - both in school and at home, in their record books. Children who read every day and have their record book signed by an adult will receive a golden ticket each week.

The 'school day' section of our website also has links to all sorts of children's book prize winners and shortlists if you need inspiration for great books to buy as Christmas stocking fillers as well as ideas for keeping the cost of buying books down.

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

Kind regards,

Mr Turner, Mrs Dunne, Mrs Rosso, Mrs Clarke