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Dear Parents,

Reading Books

I am very pleased to report that the children in Middle School are all extremely excited about reading at the moment and are taking great enjoyment from the books they borrow from the library to read for pleasure.

However, I am aware that some children may be slightly over ambitious in their choice of book with regards to reading it independently. Just so that you are aware, we have made it clear to the children that if there is a book they are keen to read but they know they will struggle to read it on their own, they are more than welcome to take it home to share and enjoy with an adult. Alongside this they should also choose a book they are able to read comfortably on their own. The children are free to use the library to choose such a book/books and as well as this a selection of easier texts have been placed on the bookshelves outside the Year 3 classrooms. They may prefer to bring an additional book from home which they are enjoying to read independently, although we ask that these are clearly named.

We have reminded the children that they are welcome to ask for help in choosing an appropriate book from any of the teachers, support staff or gap students in school, or their parents or older siblings at home who will be able to help them find something suitable. This support is vital for children as they develop the skills of choosing texts, however we are encouraging the children to take responsibility for asking for this help.

Also, may we remind you that we are fortunate that our Middle School Library is open daily from 7.45 am – 8.15 am where Mrs Topp is able to check books in and out and offer library guidance so if you would like to help your child choose their books from the library, then please feel free to use this time to guide them.

Due to the nature of the busy Middle School timetable, it is not always easy for the teachers to scrutinise regularly the books your children take home to read for pleasure so we would like to enlist your support in helping them make appropriate choices whilst not dampening their enthusiasm for literature, of course!

If you have any further questions regarding reading, please feel free to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Rachel Williams

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Head of Middle School