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Dear Parents/Carers,

1 Minute Timed Repeated Reads

This term in phonics and reading lessons, we are going to have an emphasised focus on reading fluently, with increased speed and expression.

We have found that some of our children are getting stuck in reading lessons and this is due to their pace of reading not being fluent enough. In Year 2, the children should be reading 90 words a minute. We are going to add in further opportunities during reading lessons and across the school day for children to practise their fluency skills but we would like to ask that this is also practised at home.

We are going to introduce 1 minute timed reads for children who have finished the Read, Write, Inc programme. These will be sent home on a Monday.

We would like your child to practise reading these alongside the other reading books they bring home. The idea is that your child has 1 minute to see how much of the text they can read. After 1 minute, they will need to stop reading; you could mark the word that they got up to. With repeated practice, your child should become speedier and read further through the passage.

If your child has not yet finished the Read, Write, Inc programme then you can:

- Practise the speedy reading words. Your child will be given these on a Monday too.
- Read the book for the first time, allowing your child to read aloud, then re-read the book encouraging your child to say each sentence more fluently.
- Your child reads the sentence, you model how to say it speedier or with expression and then your child repeats.
- Try and encourage your children to only read aloud the words they need to, if a word is repeated often through the book encourage your child to say the word and not read aloud.

All fluency work at home will count towards your child's reading challenge.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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