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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to give you a few updates about English for the next academic year.

FAB Book Bingo

Each class has introduced and launched their new FAB Book Bingo lists for this academic year. For new families, these are recommended books appropriate for the age range. Also included are recommended authors and some guided free choice books too.

All children will have a copy home of the BINGO card for their class, stuck on the inside of cover of their reading record. Please record books read in the reading record, and mark off on the BINGO card. As with the reading record, a parental signature will be needed to show they have read the book. I have made sure there are copies of books in school, some more popular ones there are multiple copies of. However, trips to the library and swapping copies amongst friends is strongly encouraged to help work through the list.

There are different reading milestones to work towards:

Any 4 books read

Children will receive a certificate

Any 10 books read

Children will receive a bookmark

ALL Books read

Children will receive a book.

Spelling Shed

We are now using a new scheme to teach spellings in school for KS1 and KS2. It is called Spelling Shed. Teachers will be using this for their spelling lessons in school and the weekly spelling lists will correspond with this. All children will also be given a log in so they can practise the weekly spelling list assigned to them through various games and different approaches online. We hope this will bring a new engagement with spelling and consequently raise standards in spelling across the school.

Library

Our library is a wonderful, calm space full of great books. It is a priority this year for all classes to regularly visit the library, and for children to bring home a book of their choice to share with you. Each teacher will give details about when these books need to be returned and when the next visit will be for swapping library books, so please do make sure they are in school by this day.

I will also be running a lunchtime library club on a Monday lunchtime to encourage children to use and enjoy the library in their free time if they wish.

Many thanks,

Emily McMillan
Head of School