

Dear Parent/ Carers,

23rd November 2016

I write to you to inform you of something that we are starting in Year 6. This is something we have discussed with the children and something that they are also excited to be doing. It is all to do with how we are going to teach reading comprehension.

Basically a proportion of each lesson is spent reading text. Currently we are reading Alex Ryder- Stormbreaker. This is a book that all the children are enjoying and in order to make the most of the day we are going to ask that they come to lessons having read the section of text we will be working on in lessons. The aim is to use the time in lessons to analysis and improve our understanding rather than just reading. This will mean we maximise the learning time and have a greater impact on outcomes for all the children.

What we ask from you;

- Please support the children in their reading at home. We will be asking that they read around 2 pages each night. If they get stuck on certain words and need encouragement to make sure they complete this reading then please do support them.
- At times the children might come home with 5 questions to answer about the section of text they have read. If they are struggling with these questions then don't worry. If you let the children try their best to answer these, then we will be able to see exactly what it is they need help with. Please let them do the questions on their own – but feel free to discuss the story with them. Just don't tell them the answers!
- Please stop the children from reading the whole story. We want to read the story together and have discussion about what might happen. If the children want to do further work around this they could write their own questions for that section of text or even do research around the words and information covered.
- The children need to bring the books back to school each day to ensure we can use them in lessons.

Should the children not be able to complete reading at home for any reason, we will provide afternoon clubs and support in order to ensure they are in the same position as everyone else in lesson times.

As always we continue to appreciate your support in providing the highest standards and outcomes for the children.

Yours sincerely
Miss Taylor