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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Archibald First School, we are passionate about encouraging our young readers. We aim to help them develop a love of reading which will enrich their learning journey. Together we can support and encourage our young people through reading at home and school.

Home Reading Book

Your child will come home with two reading books each week. The children will be responsible for changing their own reading books once they have read them twice at home. Re-reading each book will help your child develop fluency, pace and expression. Each Monday we will encourage all children to change their books. If your child has finished the book and wishes to change it earlier, they can do this on a Wednesday. They will select their books from a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books. This book will be the same colour (reading band) as the one they are using in class. Their class teacher will decide when your child is ready to progress to the next reading band.

Please ensure your child brings their reading books to school **every day** in case they are asked to read with an adult. Please sign and date the reading diary each week. You can add a comment if you wish.

Guided Reading

This is done in class, in small groups, with a Year 2 member of staff. It will take place once or twice per week and will be a focused reading lesson developing fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and inference skills. We will discuss characters, plot and setting as well as spelling and punctuation. This is also a chance to encourage reading aloud with fluency and expression. These reading books are different to those sent home.

Class Novel

Each Year group has their own class novel that the teacher reads to the children in class. This is a wonderful way to encourage reading for pleasure and introducing children to a variety of authors and genres. This half term Year 2 is reading 'The Day I fell into a Fairy-tale' by Ben Miller.

Independent Reading for Pleasure

Each classroom has its own library with a variety of age-appropriate books. These include books linked to geography, history, sport, art and the natural world. The children are encouraged to choose a book which they can keep in their drawer and can change it for another whenever they finish.

Thank you for all your help and support in reading this year.

Mrs Howard and Mrs Marshall

Having fun, learning together.
Curious, caring, creative and courageous.

