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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attached is a document from Mrs Lucas, our English Lead, which details how reading is taught at Biggin Hill and the expectations we have for reading at home.

Inline with maths quizzes and spellings, we are now asking that all children, who are free readers, bring their reading record in on Mondays to have their home reading acknowledged by teachers. This will start on **Monday 3rd October**. This is intended to support children with their reading at home, help them to read a variety of books as well as recommending new books to read. It also takes into account feedback from our parents' forum. For those children who are being given phonics based books to read from school (All of KS1 and some children in KS2), nothing has changed and they will continue to have their reading acknowledged when their book is changed as it is now.

Reading at home and for pleasure is incredibly important and sets children up for success later in life.

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."

Bali Rai

The more reading accessed outside of school (whether this be books, magazines, comics, audio books), the more your children will learn the skills that will set them up for success and help them thrive. It is also important for children to be able to read well so that they can access the full curriculum. The message for parents and carers with regards to reading at home is simple: read, read and read with and to children, promote and provide endless opportunities to read.



Finally, the app 'Teach your monster to read' has some really fun games on it and it's currently free to download.

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org>.

If you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact our English Lead at h.lucas@bigginhillps.com.

Yours sincerely,



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