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Dear Year 5 Parents/carers,

Your child should be bringing home a Reading Record and a reading book. It is vital that your child reads **every night** at home. When you read at home with your child, please write in the Reading Record so that we know they have read with you. We will check their reading record every week and will keep a record of who has read at home. They will need to have their reading book and diary with their reading folder in school every day.

Here are some tips when reading with your child:

- Ask them their opinion of a character and to justify that view with a detail that they have read.
- At the end of a chapter, ask your child what they think might happen next and to base that idea on what they read in the chapter they have just finished.
- Ask them to explain what the behaviour or words of a character tell the reader about them.
- If you are reading setting or description, ask your child why the author has chosen certain words or phrases and how they think they want the reader to feel when reading about this place, person or thing.
- Ask your child to summarise what has happened in the chapter/page they have just read to you.
- Make this an enjoyable and fun time, preferably at the same time each night (i.e. just before bed, after dinner, etc. and take it in turns to read and give the characters their own voices and ways of talking that reflect their personality.

At Highwood this year, we are focusing on promoting reading for pleasure and enjoyment and sharing the pleasure of reading a book with someone is a great way to do this which is why we recommend our Year 5 pupils sharing the experience with adults at home and we really appreciate your support in this.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the tips and recommended questioning techniques that I have mentioned, then please come along to a Parental Reading Workshop on **Wednesday 7th March from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.**

Best Regards,

Mr Anderson and Mrs Raines.

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Name of child.....

I/we will be attending the Year 5 Reading workshop

I will not be attending the Year 5 Reading workshop

Signed.....

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