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Thursday 23rd February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers.

Next week, we are very excited to be celebrating Book Week. As part of our fun-filled week of activities, we are inviting the parents and carers of Reception children to join us in our Lower School Saplings Library to share a book with their child.

At Cypress, we aim to foster a love of reading as studies have shown that this can be one of the biggest indicators of future academic success! Similarly, choosing to share books with your child has been proven to have a positive impact on their reading ability and their overall love of reading.

We would love for you to join us next week to share a book with your child. Please look at the table below to see when your child's class will be hosting a session in the library.

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| Orange class | Tuesday 28th February, 2.30pm |
| Yellow class | Wednesday 1st March, 2:30pm |
| Red class | Thursday 2nd March, 2.30pm |

We look forward to seeing you next week,

Ms Cheeseman

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Everybody read!

Does it matter how I read with my child?

- Studies show that it's the enjoyment and chat that matters!
- The more you chat together about the book and things that interest your child the more impact it has.
- You don't even have to read the words on the page, talking about the pictures is just as important.

Does it matter which language I use?

- Use your home language.
- It is better for your child to hear expert talk from you in your language.
- Many studies tell us it is the back-and-forth talk between adults and children when they are sharing books that makes the difference to children's language and comprehension.
- This impact will translate to better language and comprehension for your child in English.



Does the type of book matter?

- Let your child be the boss of the books they choose. Enjoyment really matters.
- Comics, information books, magazines, story books, picture books, poems and leaflets are all great for sharing.
- Catalogues are fun to share and talk about too.

What if they always want to read the same book?

- Repeated reading of books is really beneficial for children. It helps them memorise parts of stories, words and phrases too.
- Knowing a book or poem by heart is fun and powerful for children, they can 'read' the story with you, or join in with words of phrases.
- If you really want to mix it up offer another book alongside the much-loved favourite!

