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Dear Parents and Carers,



At West Borough we believe in the **power of reading** regularly. Over the course of a week, children will engage in a variety of reading strategies at school including phonics, comprehension and library visits. To supplement this, we request that children read at home every day and record this is their home-contact book.

As an extra incentive to read, we are going to be re-launching Buster's Book Club which is part of the KM charity, from next week. Children will receive a bookmark in their Reading Record book for you to sign when they have achieved their target minutes on a Wednesday night.

These are the targets in each year group:

Reception and Year I 10 minutes per night
Year 2 and 3 15 minutes per night
Year 4, 5 and 6 20 minutes per night

You will need to record your child's reading **once a week** on a **Wednesday night**, ready for data collection in school on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes please record this on the bookmark. We will then collect the data and awards will be given. This includes badges, class trophies and tickets to attractions such as Leeds Castle.

Children can read a range of different texts such as school reading scheme books, fiction, non-fiction, books from home, books from the library, e-books (such as Kindles and other devices), audio books and for younger children this can include sharing a book with an adult or older sibling. We do ask that children read a variety of different texts.

This is a really exciting adventure for our readers and we really would appreciate your support in encouraging children to read at home.

Thank you for your support.

L. Wheaton

Mrs L. Wheaton Leader of Reading and Phonics