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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We believe that promoting a 'Reading for Pleasure' culture at Rooks Heath is a not just a building block for academic success but for fulfilling careers and rewarding lives.

Research shows that reading has numerous benefits in many areas including:

- Vocabulary
- Understanding of grammar
- Spelling skill
- Writing attainment
- Attitudes to reading and writing
- Knowledge and understanding of the world and other people
- Achievement in other subjects, including Maths
- Empathy and understanding of emotions
- Development of our sense of 'self' and identity

To encourage all students to engage more actively with regular reading the English department are very pleased to announce they are introducing Reading Logs as a formal weekly homework task.

Students will be expected to read **at least four times** per week, **recording this** in their logs alongside a weekly response to **one guided reading question**. These Reading Logs will be **checked fortnightly** during their Library lessons. On TRACK points will be awarded to students who display these values within their reading and their responses.

We would appreciate your full support in encouraging students to engage with their reading logs. Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and boost their reading skills. Embedding regular reading routines outside of the classroom can offer numerous opportunities to promote the benefits of reading.

Please review the attached resources to understand how to 'share' and encourage a positive reading experience with your children.

Your sincerely,



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Head of English



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