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Dear Parents Carers,

We are so pleased with the progress the children are making in their reading and phonic knowledge. This half term we are continuing our reading focus by introducing Reading Dogs. This is an additional reading resource with a focus on developing greater comprehension skills in children. Each dog has a specific job to do in helping the children develop deeper understanding of a text. We are sending home a useful book mark to help you become familiar with each dog and their roles. You can use these to support your own questioning, ensuring a range of comprehension skills are developed both in school and at home.

Vocabulary Victor- Victor looks at the words the authors choose in the book

Rex Retriever- Rex will help retrieve facts from a text

Predicting Pip- Pip tries to look into the future to see what might happen next

Sequencing Suki- Suki likes everything in order, she helps to sequence a story

Inference Iggy- Iggy hunts for clues in a text to tell you how someone might be feeling or why something happens

We hope that you find these useful as we STRIVE to make your child a more confident reader....

Support: Give your child lots of positive praise during reading.

Tell: Can your child tell you what might happen next?

Retrieve: Can your child retrieve information from the text if you ask questions?

Infer: Can your child use clues from the text (infer information) to say how someone is feeling or why something might happen?

Vocabulary: Can your child discuss why the author has used certain vocabulary?

Evaluate: Can your child evaluate what they have read: Did they enjoy it? Why or why not?

We appreciate your continued support with your child's reading at home, as this makes a huge difference in their confidence and fluency as a reader.

For more information you can find the Reading Dogs on our school website or speak to a member of staff.

Regards

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