



## **CITY OF COVENTRY**

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware Reading is the heart of our curriculum. Reading is the gateway to enabling children to fully access and benefit from other curriculum subjects, and ultimately maximise children's potential in life. At Coundon Primary we approach this in two ways. The first is to ensure we provide excellent teaching in the mechanics of reading through phonics and early language teaching. Secondly, to promote a love of reading with long lasting benefits.

### Reading at home

It is really important that every child reads at home. The children who make the most progress from their starting point are the children who read to an adult regularly. Ideally there should be a balance of reading to an adult at least 3 times a week (preferably their school reading book) and sharing a book of their choice with an adult at other times. If you would like to support with this please speak to your child's class teacher. There is a genre, author or book out there for every child. We can help with ideas to motivate your child or suggest books they might like to read.

### Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who purchased books from our book fair last week. We sold £1525 worth of books which was fantastic and meant we earned £761 to spend on books for school. We have purchased a vast selection of modern fiction for our class libraries.

### Reading Books

Over the last few years, we have spent a considerable amount of money investing in Read Write Inc updating the reading books we send home with children. As phonics books are a speciality, they cost on average £5-£6. Unfortunately, a number of our reading books have not been returned and we are particularly low on some of the bandings. We would be very grateful if you could look at home for any extra school reading books and return them as soon as possible. No judgements will be made, we just ask they are returned, books older siblings may have had too. Moving forward we will be asking for a voluntary contribution to help pay for lost reading books.





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### Library

We are also attempting to retrieve all books which have been borrowed from the school library. We know that books are often mislaid, not only at home but also in the classroom and, more often than not, they do turn up. Can you please have a search for these too.

Our library is well stocked and holds a range of different authors. All year groups have the opportunity to visit the library each week and we encourage reading for enjoyment! Please encourage your child to borrow and share it at home with their family. Or borrow a non-fiction to assist with their homework!

Thank you for your continued support, whether it be as a reading volunteer, buying books at the book fair or simply hearing your child read regularly.

Kind Regards

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