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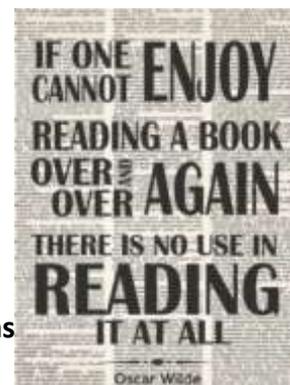
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year at Oakley Vale Primary School. It was great to see that many of our pupils completed the 'Mischievous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge 2018 at our local libraries over the Summer break. This year, we intend to build on our current reading skills and develop them even further. In particular, we will be focusing on raising our reading comprehension levels to new heights.

To this end, we will be changing the home-school reading arrangements – encouraging everyone to re-read books in order to improve fluency, and achieve a deeper understanding of what is read.

New Arrangements:

- Children are expected to read regularly – little and often, and be able to ask and answer questions related to the text. **(see the inside cover of books for questions and activity ideas)**
- All children will be allocated a school reading scheme level related to their Year group and/or ability.
- Once children have worked steadily through their Year group levels, they will be encouraged to complete an Author Studies Project.
- **EYFS, Years 1 & 2: will have the opportunity to change their reading books twice a week.**
- **Years 3,4,5 & 6 will have the opportunity to change their reading books once a week.**
- **In addition, every class will have a weekly timetabled slot to borrow/change a school library book which they can read at home.**
- Learning Logs should have a minimum of **three notes** of reading at home which include book title, pages read & a parental signature.
- In school, children will be expected to complete a book review before changing books.



Alongside all of the above, we will be continuing to have **reading** at the heart of everything we do in school. We plan to launch some in-school library events, hold author-inspired days and regular poetry assemblies.

We look forward to another great year working together with our wonderful children and families. If you would like to discuss any of the above further please contact us.

Kind regards,

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