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Reading Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

GHPS is a school committed to developing reading and ensuring all our children can, and do read, both in and outside of school. Research has shown that reading regularly at primary age, and being read to at a younger age, is the single biggest determiner of future success. Recent research has even shown it has an impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Last year, following an initiative through our school council and feedback from pupils, the children raised money to buy some new reading books. The children have been involved in selecting these books which have now arrived at school. We have also labelled many of our other books with accelerated reader quiz numbers.

Most children at our school choose to read paper books rather than e-books. Now that we have a wide selection, we find MyON is no longer as cost effective as it was during the pandemic. As a result, all children will now be selecting paper books to bring home, once they have learned to read through the RWI phonics program, which is usually during Year 2. Many of the books will have a linked accelerated reader quiz if pupils want to complete this.

For children who enjoy reading online, there is a wide selection of free e-books on the Oxford Owl website (www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

We want all our children to choose to read as we know what a massive impact it can have for their futures. We have new books that we are sure they will want to read and are working hard to engage all our children. Please help with this by showing an interest in the books they read and talking to them about their reading. Please continue to listen to them read and read with them and to them, until they no longer want you to do this. Many older children, and adults, still enjoy listening to someone else reading a story!

We are encouraging all our children to either complete an accelerated reader quiz after reading a book or making a book recommendation. Both of these will help develop their reading skills. Book recommending will also help other children in the class to select engaging reading books.

We are providing our children with a range of reading experiences and ask that you help us and support your child with their reading at home. Reading isn't just about books, as all reading counts. Please invest in their future by supporting their reading now!

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Ms. York.

Thank you for your continued support.

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