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*“It’s Good To Be G.R.E.E.N. It’s Great to be B.E.A.V.E.R G.R.E.E.N.”*

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Dear Year 1 Parents,

We are truly enjoying seeing your children grow and develop in Year 1, and it's a privilege to guide them on their journey to becoming confident readers.

I am writing to send a reminder about the absolute importance of daily reading at home with your child.

### **Why Daily Reading is Non-Negotiable**

We have observed that a number of children are not currently engaging in regular reading practice at home. This is having a significant impact on their progress.

- **Reading Fluency:** Learning to read is like learning any skill—it requires consistent practice. The short time they spend reading in school simply isn't enough to build the necessary fluency and speed.
- **Decoding Skills:** Daily practice solidifies their understanding of phonics and helps them apply the skills we teach in the classroom.
- **Overall Progress:** For your child to move forward successfully with the Year 1 curriculum, especially as we prepare for the Phonics Screening Check, we need your committed support at home.

### **We Need Your Help to Succeed**

We know how busy life is, but even 10-15 minutes every single day makes a world of difference. This is not optional; it is a vital part of your child's learning and progression.

**Please make a commitment to read with your child every day.**

- **Make it a routine:** Try to set a specific time each day for reading.
- **Sign their reading record:** This helps us track their practice and celebrate their successes in class.

We are partners in your child's education, and we want every child to achieve their full potential. By working together on this, we can ensure they make the excellent progress they are capable of.

If you are struggling with home reading for any reason, or if you need tips on how to make it engaging, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are here to help and support you.

Thank you for your cooperation and for prioritising this essential part of your child's learning.

Kind regards

Mrs Wood

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