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Re: Reading with your child at home.

Dear Parent/ Carers,

We want to say a huge thank you to you and the children, for your 'home school' learning achievements to date. We know it isn't easy if you are working and having to accommodate your child's learning too, so please rest assured, you are doing an amazing job.

Alongside all of the other fabulous activities you are undertaking, we wanted to offer you some support with regards to *reading with your child at home*. This is so it doesn't become a difficult task but a pleasurable one for you and your child.

With schools and libraries being closed, we know it can seem more challenging to find what Parents might describe as 'appropriate' material for their child to read. With that in mind, reading material for children could be...

magazines, comics, suitable websites, text messages, emails, newspapers, lyrics, poems, manuals, fiction/non-fiction, Blogs and 'e books'

Research also shows,

'If children are told that they have to read and they have little choice in the matter, then they will ultimately shy away from reading'.

So, with the help of an External Literacy Agency, we have put together a selection of ideas and approaches, to help you and your child, during the extended 'Lockdown' period. These can be found on the St. Anne's School Website under the 'Whole School Learning' tab at the top of the page. These include.....

- 'The Rights of a Reader' by Daniel Pennac
- Things Parents and Carers can do to support children's reading
- A 'checklist' for home reading
- A Child and Parent 'Reading Talk' prompt.
- A Reading Challenge
- Strategies to model when reading with your child
- Ideas to deepen understanding and reflection
- Questions to ask about a book read so far
- A list of websites to go to

Finally, without putting you, your child or your families under any unnecessary pressure, we hope these ideas help to make reading an enjoyable time. Remember, *'Children who read become adults who think.'*

Sending best wishes and thinking of you all,

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