

Thursday 20th February 2020

Dear Parents,

"Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything.

And I mean everything." - Jeanette Winterson

As you will know we use the highly successful Read, Write Inc. phonics programme (RWI) to teach reading. Alongside teaching sounds, we teach children to blend sounds to read words e.g. s-a-t, sat. Children practise reading and spelling the words containing these sounds. Then we give the children decodable books containing sounds and words that they read. Children read each Read Write Inc. Storybook three times in class with their partner and then it goes home for your child to read the book to you (Red – Yellow RWI books). Re-reading the same book helps children to become confident readers. Each time they re-read, they build their fluency/speed and comprehension. We also send home RWI matched book bag books. In addition to this we send home book banded books.

I have recently taken over the role of Phonics Manager at school and have attached some information about our home reading system which I hope is useful. I appreciate there are lots of different books that go home and that it could appear confusing at times! If you have any questions/queries about your child's reading please do not hesitate to contact me via email, admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk with your child's name and class and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

We value your support with reading. Reading books are sent home when children are beginning to blend and are closely matched to children's developing phonic knowledge. We ask that children read for 10 to 15 minutes each day and that you sign their reading and write down the title of book that your child is reading. Reading records need to be in school each day, so it is good practice to keep it in your child's book bag. For more information on how to support your child with reading please have a look at the reading curriculum section on our website templemoorinfants.co.uk.

Please remember reading is not a race, it is a journey. Children learn at different rates just as they learn to walk, dress themselves etc. If children are rushed through books they will not achieve the enjoyment and understanding necessary. Books that children find too difficult will soon put them off reading.

Enjoy reading with your child and help them to become lifelong readers.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S. Brown
Deputy Headteacher

"Reading feeds the imagination, it expands horizons and offers new and exciting ways of seeing and making sense of our lives and of the world around us." - Michael Morpurgo