

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Family lending library

At West Vale Academy we are keen to promote of love of reading. We pride ourselves on preparing our children with the skills they require to be confident readers and encourage them to immerse themselves in stories to develop their imagination and love of books and stories.

As you are aware the children take home a reading book each week, this has been carefully matched to their reading ability that we ask is practiced at home with an older sibling or family member. We recommend daily practice in order to help the children practice and apply their skills. In addition to this, each class visit the library once a week and are able to choose a book based on their interest to take home and enjoy. The children love these sessions and enjoy sitting in the library to read and enjoy their chosen book. Our library had a makeover over the summer holidays and is now categorised into genres in order to help the children select a book that they are interested in.

To try and encourage additional reading opportunities at home, we have created a small family lending library that will be situated in the school office entrance area. We encourage families to come and select a book together and take it home to read and enjoy as a family. In order to ensure that we have a constant supply of book available, we ask that the book is kept no longer than one week and that it is then returned to the lending library for others to enjoy.

The lending library will be available from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 3.20pm- 3.30pm and can be accessed at these times each day. We encourage all of our families to call by after school in order to select a book that can be taken home and enjoyed. All books will be stamped with the school stamp and a record of the family and book will be taken on selection to ensure that books are returned.

Finally, if any families have any unwanted books at home we would be very grateful if you have any unwanted books that are still in good condition that we can use to keep our family lending library topped up. If you do have any books, please could you bring them into the school office.

Kind regards

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