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Reading Update

Dear parents and carers,

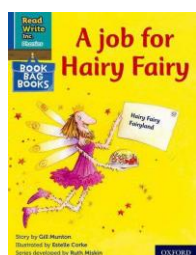
It is a very busy and exciting time for reading at Hipsburn Primary School, and I am writing to update you on all the fantastic things we have going on...

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all of our pupils who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Please remember to send your child's certificate to school with them by Friday 11th September (or, if you cannot access a printer, you can email the certificate to the school admin email address). Each class will then hold a special assembly to present the certificates and celebrate this brilliant achievement.

**SUMMER
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New reading book system



Over the summer term and the summer break, we have been busy organising and implementing a new reading book system and I am delighted to tell you that it is now ready to use! Pupils who have phonics lessons will receive two reading books each week: one 'Book Bag Book' that is carefully matched to their daily phonics teaching and one 'Extra Practice' book. Each book must be read twice, and adults can indicate that this has been done on the reading book tick lists that will

be provided. Reading books will be changed once a week. When you see the new books, we are certain you will love them as much as we do!

Reading folders and reading records

We all know that we need to take good care of the books that we share. To help with this, we have purchased a new reading folder for every pupil. These folders are strong and waterproof, and they will help us all to keep our reading materials - such as reading books, library books, sound booklets and reading records - organised. Please look after this folder, as it will stay with your child as they move up the school.

Reading records are a really useful tool that help us to understand how pupils are getting on with their reading at home. Children should be reading every day, and it is important that this is noted in their record.





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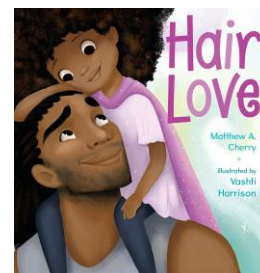
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So that you feel confident using the reading record, I have written a leaflet called 'Home reading: a guide for parents and pupils'. A paper copy of this will be sent home in your child's reading folder and an electronic copy will be available on the school website. We will also be using the reading records in school, and adults will use either an 'I read with an adult today' or an 'I've done guided reading today' stamp to keep them updated.

Library Update



We have been working very hard to tidy, sort and re-arrange the school library. It is looking spectacular, and we hope that it is now a more attractive and user-friendly resource. As part of the refresh, we have also invested in a wider collection of books with BAME main characters. This is to ensure that the books our pupils are reading reflect the rich and diverse society we live in. We have carefully selected a range of picture books and novels, so there is something to suit every age group. Titles include: *Hair Love* by Matthew Cherry, *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf and MANY more!



Library sessions will be a little different for the time being, but we will do our best to ensure that everyone still gets to use the library. We are also about to begin recruiting for our new Junior Librarians; keep an eye on the website for updates!

Volunteers



I would like to say an enormous thank you to our team of fantastic volunteers, who we are missing very much! This includes our library volunteers, who are in school on Fridays to support us and ensure that every pupil can take a library book home, and our reading volunteers, who regularly listen to readers on a one-to-one basis. As I'm sure you will understand, we are not currently able to have volunteers in school but we look forward to welcoming them back as soon as it is safe to do so.

I hope you all have a fantastic start to the new school year. Happy reading!

Rachel Jones
English coordinator

