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Dear Parent,

We wanted to take an opportunity to highlight the importance of reading in and out of school and the reading expectations we have of our children in Years 5 & 6.

Reading and being able to access texts fluently and confidently, is central to all good learning. Therefore our expectation for all children at Hartwell, is a minimum of four reads a week. In particular, in Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) each read should be a minimum of 10 pages. This enables the children to move through texts within a period of time that helps them then remember and enjoy the books they read.

To aid children in their four reads a week we provide the following in school opportunities:

- Twice weekly reading club (Tuesday and Friday) that is run by Year 6 children. This is where any Key Stage 2 child can curl-up on a beanbag and read in the library.
- Quiet reading time in class (at least twice a week which can count towards a home read).

The ultimate aim is for all children to love reading: most at Hartwell do, though some enjoy reading much less. Those who enjoy it less still need to read and time needs to be made at home for this to happen. Reading 10 pages of a reading book should take a child 15/20 minutes.

When reading practice does not happen regularly, it puts that child at a disadvantage as reading, like tables and spellings, is a skill that needs practice.

For full details of how we teach reading at our school and our expectations of reading at home please refer to our school website:

- [English Policy](#)
- [Homework Policy](#)
- [Home School Agreement](#)
- [Class 5 Autumn Newsletter](#)
- [Class 6 Autumn Newsletter](#)

If you would like to discuss reading or seek further support, please ask to meet with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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