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Dear Parents,

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GUIDED READING



This year at Spetisbury one of our areas for development is reading. We believe that children should develop a love of reading and books. Learning to read involves many skills and developmental stages. It is not just about word recognition, although that obviously plays a large part. It is also about fluency and understanding.

In order to encourage this love of reading and enjoyment of books we use a variety of teaching strategies and offer many opportunities for practicing reading.

Each week your child will take part in 'Guided Reading' which consists of some of the following activities :

- Reading in a small group with the class teacher or teaching assistant and focusing on specific reading skills and promoting discussions about stories and texts.
- A carousel of activities which are reading based and may include the use of ICT, independent reading, reading skills and comprehension activities.

These sessions are designed to promote a deeper understanding and enjoyment of books whilst reinforcing decoding strategies and will replace some of the 'individual' daily reading.

Alongside this 'Guided Reading' your child will be experiencing varied reading opportunities every day.

Tina Mercer
Literacy Co-ordinator

