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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Reading in Reception to Year 6

At Atlantic we are passionate about ensuring that every child is a reader and enjoys reading for pleasure. Reading for at least 10 minutes (R & Y1/2) and 20 minutes (Y3,4,5 & 6) everyday is great for your child's happiness, well being and of course for strengthening their reading and writing skills.

Your child will come home today with a brand new reading record. This will be an exciting place for your child to record books they have read at home and in school. Each year group has a unique reading record containing pages full of age appropriate areas of learning such as phonics sounds/spellings, common exception words and times tables.

At the start of each school day, your child's class teacher will check and track completion of reading homework by looking for daily parental signatures inside their reading record. Any child who has been unable to complete their reading homework will have the opportunity to visit the Primary Library at breaktime to ensure they don't miss out on the enriching opportunities reading daily brings.

All children who are an 'advancing reader' will have access to Accelerated Reader, a programme used in school to manage and monitor your child's individual reading progress. Children read their reading for pleasure book, then log into the accelerated reader programme to take a short comprehension quiz. Quizzes can be taken on a chromebook in school and at home following the link on the school website [here](#). Your child's username and password is located on the inside cover of their new reading record. As with anything, performance improves with practice and children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate see the greatest gain.

In response to a number of requests for further information on how to promote reading for pleasure at home, we have created this handy guide [here](#) full of tips and tricks to support your child's love of reading. For further information on the Accelerated Reading Programme, please see this handy guide [here](#).

As always, if you would like to find out more about how we support your child's reading development in school, please do speak with your child's class teacher. For those parents of children in Reception, Y1 and 2 we have planned to deliver a phonics information evening on Wednesday 27th September. A letter with more information will go out next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss J Cornell
Primary Head of Castle Cove House and English Lead