



7th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

READING TESTS

Following the pupils' exams at the end of the Autumn term, I write to inform you that the pupils have important reading-age testing taking place at the beginning of the Spring term. These tests enable us to measure the progress that your child has made in their reading ability and to assess whether they need any extra support as they move further up through the school. The pupils will be tested in their tutor groups during the school day. Please communicate this to your child and stress the importance of their full participation. The results will be available on the Go4Schools website before the end of the Spring term. Pupils may bring in and use their own headphones for these tests if they wish.

READ FOR SUCCESS: READ AT HOME FOR 20 MINUTES A DAY

As you know, literacy skills and independent reading are very important to every child's success across all subjects. In school, we provide time for pupils to read during registration and termly "Drop Everything and Read" sessions, with books available for loan from our library. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of encouraging your child to read at home as well. Our recommended reading lists are available for guidance on our school website (under 'Literacy News'). Please take time to choose books with your child that will interest them and encourage them to read for at least 20 minutes a day.

A wide selection of books is also available in your local library. The libraries are easy to join and there are staff there to assist you. Here is a list of those in Hackney:

- Hackney Central Library, 1 Reading Lane 020 8356 4358
- Homerton Library, Homerton High Street 020 8356 1690
- Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Lane 020 8356 2539
- Clapton Library, Northwold Road 020 8356 2539

If you wish to buy any books, there are many good online retailers that offer discounts, for example www.thebookpeople.co.uk.

If possible, listen to your child read aloud or even read to them, or encourage other members of the family to do so: this is helpful at any age, but particularly if your child is an unwilling or struggling reader.

Many thanks for your support and please get in touch with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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