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7th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 3 and 4 Shared Reading Sessions

As a school, we are very aware that reading sits at the heart of all of our children's learning. Reading can help to reduce stress and aid relaxation. It improves concentration and memory, builds on vocabulary knowledge, strengthens writing abilities, enhances knowledge and can feed the imagination.

We know that being able to spend time with your child reading aloud helps to create strong parent-child bonds and promotes healthy brain development. Children that are read to more often have improved language and listening skills, experience stronger emotional connections to their loved ones, and gain a lifelong love of reading.

With all of this in mind, we would like to invite you to a get-together focussed on welcoming you to year 3 and 4 Shared Reading which will take place on **Tuesday** 13th September at 3:00pm. We plan to share with you plans we have to support your child's reading as well as details of the books they will be bringing home, how these can be used and how you will be able to support your child with their reading.

We will also be introducing you to our 'Shared Reading Sessions' which will take place in our classrooms once a week. These sessions will be an opportunity for you to come into the school and read with your child towards the end of the school day as well as talk to your child's teacher about their reading.

We look forward to seeing you at our get-together next Tuesday at 3.00pm – just come to reception at the Queensway entrance and we'll have children ready to welcome you.

Yours sincerely,

Michaela Cousins Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader