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Dear parents/carers

This term our whole school focus will be on **READING**.

Through your feedback from the recent questionnaires we know that many of you are concerned with your child's reading and the progress they have made during the closures of school.

This term we have decided that we would like to trial a number of new strategies to support and enhance our school reading offer which will enable your child to make more progress. Some of these strategies will require your support and engagement and we are hoping that at the same time these tasks will be fun, for you and your family.

These strategies are:

- Weekly reading challenge** - Each week a reading challenge will be sent with the newsletter. This will be a fun activity based around reading. We would like you to share the results of these challenges on Holy Rosary's challenge twitter page – [@challenge_holy](https://twitter.com/challenge_holy). Here is an example of what they will look like.
- Reading Theatre** – Each week your child will be sent home with a play script. The script will be given on a Monday and we ask that your child practice their part each night for about 10 minutes. It would be great if you could encourage the use of different voices and expressions. Friday afternoon in school will be **Reading Theatre** – each group will perform their script. The children will not be acting or using prompts – the focus is the expression.
- Poetry** – Your child's class will have a weekly poem which they will be practising every day. Please ask your child about their poem, they might even be able to recite it for you.
- Reading books** – We will be continuing to send reading books home. While we realise that during the pandemic, reading books have only been changed once a week, we hope that we will soon be able to return to changing books much more regularly. All of the books within school have now been book banded which means that your child will be reading within a colour. Your child should be reading a little each night.
 - Foundation Stage – 5 to 10 minutes each night
 - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) – 10 to 15 minutes each night
 - Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) – 15 to 25 minutes each night
 - Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6) – 20 to 30 minutes each night

Please also be reminded that your child has a bug club login and can access reading books and activities related to their books band.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see some of your amazing results with the reading challenge.

