



DO YOU KNOW YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING?

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading is a very important part of what we do at school. We encourage all our students to read every night and write down their thinking.

When home and the school work together – in this case in the area of reading – we know it improves the learning outcomes of each child.

How can I help my child with reading? Here is an easy way!

At school, we use the *'See – Think – Wonder'* strategy. You can use it too. The way it works is to ask your child some questions *before, during or after* reading. You can ask them in whatever language you feel most comfortable using.

You'll find some examples here *(you don't have to always use every example, you can make up your own examples and you can use your own words)*.

See:

- Tell me what do you see on the front cover.
- Do you think this text is fiction (*a made up story*) or non-fiction (*a true story*)? How do you know?
- Who are the characters (*a character can be a person, animal, being, figure or thing*) in the story? Tell me about them – how would you describe them?

Think:

- What do you think the characters are doing/feeling?
- Do you think they are doing the right thing or the wrong thing? Tell me why you think this.
- What do you think the writer is trying to tell us? **OR** What is the message in this story?
- Why do you think the writer wrote this story? (Your child should be able to use words like: to *persuade; inform; entertain; explain; or describe*).

Wonder:

- Have you got any questions about what we have been reading?
- Tell me one thing you are wondering about? **OR** What would you like to know more about?
- What else are you wondering about (for example, characters / topic)?

If you have questions about any part of this please contact your child's classroom teacher at 03 93689800.