

## **Outwood Academy Ormesby**

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Dear Parent/Carer.

Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.

This year we have placed a greater emphasis on reading in the classroom, but we are also strengthening the interventions we put in place for struggling readers. The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the academy is only part of a child's learning and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read daily (for about 15 minutes), reading regular bedtime stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. Reading widely through all of these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books.

To support you and your child, we would like to invite you to our reading event which will take place on Thursday 1st December. We have two sessions running for you to choose from. The first session will take place at 4.30pm until 5.00pm and the second will start at 5.30pm and will finish at 6.00pm. Please complete the Google Form, using the QR code, to confirm your attendance to one of the sessions.



Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions please feel free to email me on <u>s.herron@ormesby.outwood.com</u>.

Yours faithfully,

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