



Friday 10th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As a school, we are keen to promote a love of reading and help our children discover new authors and exciting adventures through the books they read. Working in partnership with home, we are eager to capture the children's reading, both at home and school, and celebrate their achievements. For these reasons, we have taken the decision to move away from our regular reading journal and instead introduce an exciting new app called **Go Read**. There are a number of benefits for using the Go Read app, which I have outlined below.

As a parent, you will receive a simple login to use for recording your child's reading and there will no longer be the stress of finding that lost reading journal! The app is simple and easy to use and will work on any device which is connected to the internet. Additionally, the app gives you the opportunity to share information with school – such as tricky words and general comments – which strengthens the communication between us both.

For our pupils, Go Read will provide rewards for completing reading challenges – these will be on top of the Dragon Eggs they receive for regular reading. The children are able to create their own avatar and build up their reading collection, which we believe will be a great motivator for regular reading. Your child's reading record on Go Read will be kept for the entire time they attend Speenhamland, which will provide a lovely journey of reading progress.

Go Read allows the children to record reading at home, in school and by themselves and there will be options to record reading books, library books as well as books from home. All our staff have received training on the Go Read app and will use this system to record all reading carried out in school – both individual and whole class. As a parent, you will have access to all of these records.

We hope that parents and children alike will embrace this innovative technology and will enjoy recording all the fantastic reading. If your child reads at bedtime, there is not the necessity for them to go online and record reading before they go to sleep – this can easily be done the following day. We hope that this will avoid any issues with children asking for devices when they should be going to sleep!

To support parents with this new reading app, there is a short video, which explains step-by-step how to access the app and record reading. Just go to, <https://go-read.co.uk/parents>. If you require further support, we are offering some drop-in sessions during the running of clubs to support parents individually. If you would like this, please let the office or class teacher know and we will book you onto a session. They will run Tuesday – Friday next week from 3.15-4.00pm.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to celebrating all of the wonderful reading at Speenhamland.

Mrs Julie Lewry
Headteacher

