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Dear Parents

We are very excited to be re-launching our Book Bingo reading scheme today! The scheme encourages children to read a variety of authors and types of books during the year.

Today, your child should have brought home with them a **Book Bingo reading list**. This list contains many wonderful book titles, carefully compiled by staff and full of recommended reads for your child. There is a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles, including picture books and poetry. The books on the list are linked to year group topics and author studies. Copies of the books are available in your child's year group area and they are welcome to change them as often as needed. Class teachers are happy to discuss and recommend titles suitable for your child.

Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes will be awarded in July. To achieve Gold, your child must read and complete a bingo activity for 40 books on the list, 30 for Silver and 20 for Bronze. If your child is working their way through our Project X reading programme, then they can complete the tasks for these books instead. They can talk to their teacher about taking home a Book Bingo book as well as a Project X book if they would like to.

This year, we will allow time within the school week for children to complete reading comprehension activities about their books. These can then be crossed off on their **Book Bingo card**, which we will keep in the classroom. For every book your child finishes, they will select and complete one of the activities on their bingo card. They can start anywhere they like. When they show their completed work to their teacher, this box will be crossed off on their card. Children are welcome to complete activities at home as well, and **reading activities explanations** can be found on the school website.

Please continue to sign children's diaries when you have read with them, as our expectation remains that all children will read at least 4 times a week with an adult. This is a huge support to developing their reading fluency and confidence and research is very clear that children who are reading regularly at home are far more likely to succeed in all areas of school and also improve their chances at secondary school and beyond. House Points will be awarded for this in school!

Your child should be coming home today with a book from the list to get them started. We wish you very happy reading times!

Yours sincerely

Ruth Millar
Literacy Leader

