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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be re-launching our Book Bingo scheme today! The scheme encourages children to read, understand and enjoy a variety of authors and types of books throughout the year.

Having run the Book Bingo scheme for a number of years, there are some changes to note this year. From now on, **only children who are free readers will take part in Book Bingo**. Children who are not yet free readers will focus on reading and enjoying Project X books and, of course, books from our wider library. We have a huge variety of wonderful books in our libraries and want children to enjoy these too! If you feel that your child is not enjoying their Project X reading books, or is ready to become a free reader, then please do talk to your child's class teacher about this.

Children who are free readers have access to their year group reading list in school and these are also available on our website. The 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 our school libraries for the children to borrow.

As well as reading the books, we will also 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.

Children will be rewarded with a certificate and special mention in our weekly Celebration Assembly when they complete ten activities.

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 have either a Project X, Book Bingo or library book to read and we hope that you thoroughly enjoy reading with them!

Yours sincerely,

Emily Patterson  
Literacy Leader

