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Dear Parent/Carer

We all know the many benefits of reading, and more and more supporting research is being published showing that reading for pleasure builds empathy amongst children and improves wellbeing and happiness. Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but continuing this process through secondary school, and during the school holidays 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. Research also suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is even more essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by encouraging them to enjoy reading and particularly with younger students, sharing books together. Reading widely through all these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books. Giving your child a choice over what they read is an important factor in boosting their enthusiasm for reading and children are more likely to be interested in books they have selected for themselves.

Carlisle Library is an incredibly useful resource in providing regular reading material for your child. There is also a BorrowBox app. It's completely free and there are thousands of eBook and audio books to choose from. You just need to be a member of Carlisle Library to use the app.



To help you and your child(ren) make appropriate choices about the books they read, we have also attached a document showing book recommendations that are simply great books that everyone should read! This is not an exhaustive list but may give you some ideas of where to start.

Finally, please do remember that Bedrock Vocabulary is also available for all students. This is a website that helps children to learn very important academic vocabulary, whilst also encouraging them to read regularly. Go to [Bedrocklearning.org](https://bedrocklearning.org) and login with the student's school login details, via Office 365.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading!

Yours sincerely

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