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Summer Transition Texts

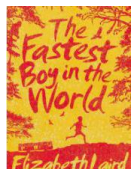
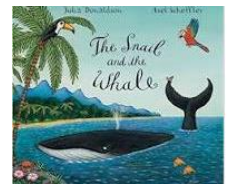
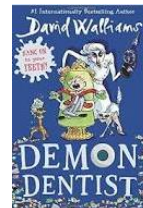


Dear Parents/ Carers,

At Rakegate, we value the importance of 'Reading for Pleasure' and understand the positive impact it can have on every child. However, research suggests that **just a third** (37%) of young children in the UK are reading with or being read to by a parent or carer for over an hour a week in total. Reading together for just 10 minutes a day can help to develop language, curiosity, imagination and listening skills, as well as benefitting a child's academic development, including writing skills. It appears that the traditional bedtime story is also suffering. One in seven parents admit that they never read to their child before bed, with a further 11% saying they only do so once a week on average. The research shows that the importance of regular reading is not lost on parents, with nine in ten believing that reading for pleasure is important for their child. However, children aged 7 – 11 today are on average reading for pleasure for 28 minutes less a week than their parents did at the same age. In fact, **half of children aged 7 - 11 in the UK (50%) read for less than an hour a week.**

This year, we have decided to set up a 'Summer Transition Reading Challenge' and we have been able to provide every child in the school from Reception to Year 5 with a book to take home for the summer to read. Each year group has selected a different, age-appropriate, quality text to read. They are as follows:

- Reception** – Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy
- Year 1** – The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson
- Year 2** – George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl
- Year 3** – Demon Dentist by David Walliams
- Year 4** – The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird
- Year 5** – The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf



Your child's current class teacher will introduce the book with the children in the final week(s) of term and then it will be their book to keep and look after over the summer.

There will be no related homework set for this book. We simply want the children to just enjoy reading and sharing the book at home with you – more than once if they want to! Once the children are back in school in September, they will need to return the book to their new class teacher. The book will then become a focus for our Reading and Writing lessons in school for the first few weeks back. Hopefully, the children will have enjoyed reading the stories we have selected, and they will be keen to discuss and share their thoughts.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher in school or via the year group email address.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss M. Causer
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