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Dear Parent/Carer

## Summer Reading

As the summer holidays approach, we want to encourage all students to keep their minds active and their skills sharp. While summer is a time for relaxation, it is also a golden opportunity to maintain academic momentum through reading.

Our Learning Resource Centre (LRC) offers a wide range of books tailored to all interests and reading levels. Students can borrow and read digital books anytime, anywhere for free via the Ashlyns eLibrary which can be found on your child's chromebook.

Parental engagement has a significant influence on a child's reading habits. Here are a few ways to help this summer:

- **Make it a Habit:** We recommend reading for 20 minutes a day in a quiet place without distractions.
- **Shared Reading:** Reading together can be beneficial even for teenagers. It helps with vocabulary acquisition, pronunciation, and understanding.
- **Keep it Enjoyable:** If your child finds large chapter books daunting, encourage anthologies, short stories, or non-fiction to build confidence and interest.
- **Start a Conversation:** Ask questions about the book - who are the key characters? What is the setting? How is the plot developing? This encourages critical thinking and debate.

Whether it is fiction or non-fiction, the most important thing is that your child is reading regularly and enjoying the experience.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a lifelong love of learning.

Yours sincerely

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