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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Park Grove we are always looking for new and creative ways in which we can engage children in reading away from the classroom. Reading is an important part of a child's development therefore it is vital that we as a school ensure that children are encouraged to read at home and at school. The bookworm system has worked very well but we felt it was time for a change. With this in mind, we have decided to create a new reward system for reading which will focus on a whole class approach called 'Racing Readers'. Each class will have a race car which will move around the race track depending on the number of reads in their class each half term. There will be two winners every half term, one class from EYFS/KS1 and one class from KS2, who will win £10 worth of books every half term for their class. At the end of the year the class which is furthest round the race track will receive an extra special prize for all their hard work that year.

In addition to this, KS2 children will now record their reading on the 'Racing Readers' sheets which will be sent home instead of a reading record. These need to be completed and handed in at the end of each half term to their class teacher to be totalled up. If a child runs out of space they can request another sheet from their class teacher. We have found that the majority of children in KS2 did not use the reading records which is why we are moving to a simpler system for them. Children in KS1 will continue to record their reading in their records and their comments will be counted at the end of each half term.

We hope that you will join us in promoting our new reading reward system and continue to support your child/children by reading with them at home regularly. We are looking forward to launching 'Racing Readers' and we hope it will inspire children to read more books and work as a team to win prizes for their classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.
Kind Regards,

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