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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Key Stage 2, we have entered the Reading Plus New Year Challenge. The five schools with the highest average reading lessons on Reading Plus will be awarded at the end of the six-week challenge.

In school, we use Reading Plus, an online reading development programme, to help pupils with their reading skills and confidence. Children have access to 1,100+ high-quality online texts that match the children's reading levels.

About the Reading Plus New Year Challenge

Competition organisers Reading Solutions UK will monitor programme data through a weekly leaderboard, which will help us to keep track of Park Grove's ranking throughout the challenge.

The competition started on Monday 22nd of January, and the winners will be announced on Tuesday 8th of March.

How can parents help?

Reading Plus can be accessed from home via a computer, laptop, or tablet. If you have these devices at home, we encourage you to get your child to use the programme on evenings or weekends for thirty minutes three days a week. Reading Plus doesn't need an app downloading - it's all accessed through a secure website.

If your child uses Reading Plus at home, from their pupil Dashboard, click on the Families link for more information on how best to support your child with their Reading Plus journey.

How does Reading Plus work?

Children choose a story (typically 6-7 minutes long) from a level appropriate to their reading ability. Once finished, they answer ten questions to test their understanding.

Reading Plus is not meant to replace physical reading books. It's also not just an eLibrary - the programme is designed to teach your child to become a more efficient reader, which will add to their enjoyment of reading independently – developing a lifelong love for reading.

Why does the program use the moving bar when my child reads the stories?

We call this the 'Guided Window'. The Guided Window was developed to teach children to navigate lines of text sequentially - sometimes called left-to-right scanning. It teaches children to read at their own pace, which builds fluency and stamina.

For more information about Reading Plus, please visit www.readingsolutionsuk.com or contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

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