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Dear Elm Tree families

Reading at Elm Tree

Reading is one of the most important skills we work together as a team, to help your child to excel at.

Reading opens so many doors for learning and thriving. Reading to your child when they are young is such an amazing privilege to help them develop strong vocabulary and a lifelong passion for reading.

At Elm Tree we teach children to decode and learn to read fluently with our phonics programme, Read Write Inc. Running alongside this is our passion for reading for pleasure, sharing books and talking about books.

Mrs Burton is our reading lead and her passion is shared with children at all levels and all our English work is supported via high-quality texts. We start early in EYFS using amazing stories to launch our learning such as Luna loves Art and The Carnival of Animals, to name but a few!

This year we are trialling something new – Pageticker. This is an online reading record which you can use at home to share how much your child is reading. We will use it at school too.

You will receive a letter from school soon by Friday with your log in details. You will need to download the Pageticker app in readiness.

We will send out some 'how to use it' guidance over the next few days.

Best regards

Julia Halliday

Headteacher

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