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Dear Parent/Carer.

This term, your child is working hard on improving their reading fluency in school. This means their ability to read a text correctly, quickly, and with expression.

In order to be assessed as a fluent reader, a child should be able to read at least 90 words per minute.

We will continue to work on increasing this fluency in daily lessons.

To support your child at home, please make sure that you:

- Listen to them read their school reading book for at least ten minutes per day.
- Encourage your child to read and re-read the fluency worksheet that they bring home each week which has approximately 100 words on it.
- Read stories to them daily in order to model what fluent reading sounds like and to expose them to new language.

If you have any questions about your child's reading fluency, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher by ringing the main office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Johnson English Leader

