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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about a change to the way we are approaching reading in Year 4 after half term.
We are now sending **all children home with a Big Cat reading scheme book**, regardless of their current reading ability. Big Cat is a banded scheme which accommodates all abilities of reading in a progressive approach. This will give all children the opportunity to experience a wider range of genres, develop their vocabulary and enjoy a broader and richer reading experience.

Some children will continue to access the **phonics reading scheme,** if they are assessed as needing further support to develop their phonics and reading skills. These children will progress to the Big Cat scheme when they are ready.
The Big Cat book will be **read both at home and at school** (should your child need extra support), allowing children to develop their fluency, comprehension and confidence through regular reading.

In addition, all children will have the opportunity to **visit the school library and choose a book** to bring home. They may also opt to choose a free read from our year 4 book shelf. Library and free read books can be shared with an adult at home or enjoyed independently, simply for pleasure.

We hope this approach will encourage a love of reading and give all children the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of genres.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading.

Kind regards,
Mrs Halkett and the Year 4 Team

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