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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to ask for your help developing the profile of reading at Woolpit. We have been chosen to be part of a programme with the Open University developing reading for pleasure in schools. As part of this, we have carried out a reading survey with the children and have identified several aspects of our reading curriculum we aim to improve. These include:

- our class reading environment
- the genres of reading on offer to the children
- the discussions we have about books the children are reading and not just the books we use for lessons.

To support us with these areas of improvement we are asking if you have any:

- comics or children's magazines that you could give us
- cushions or fabric to use to make cushions for our class reading areas

We are also developing a whole school reading display and would like to fill part of it with pictures of our children reading in unusual places. Please can you take a photo of your child reading in an unusual place and either send it to their class teacher via email or print for your child to bring into school.

We also hope you can continue supporting us by developing fluent readers: moving our children on from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'. With this in mind, please can you listen to your children read as often as possible at home. We are suggesting 5 times a week- even for children in upper KS2.

During the year we hope there will be opportunities for you to come into school and find out more about the teaching of phonics and reading. Further information will be shared soon.

If you have any issues regarding your child's reading please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

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