Dear Parents,

Your child will be bringing home a home-reader this week. The book can be read to one or more people and returned to school daily or as often as possible. Home-reading is regarded as an important part of your child’s homework in 1/2F this year and will be rewarded with a Werrington Owl Learner award after every five days of reading.

Some helpful hints when reading.

- Choose a quiet place to sit together.
- Listen to your child read and praise all attempts.
- If the book chosen is too difficult, then help your child a little more than usual by pointing out some ways to work out words using sounds or smaller parts (syllables).
- Encourage your child to use the pictures for added clues.
- Don’t forget that older siblings could also help listen to home-reading.
- To develop good fluency model the correct way to read a sentence or paragraph and ask your child to copy you.
- Point out punctuation and its use.
- Please return the reader to the plastic bag when it is not being read.
- Complete the helper’s card once per day with the title of the book and pages read.

Thanking You
Ms Fitzpatrick