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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reading for Pleasure

Here at Habs, we strongly believe that one of the most important things in a child's early education is reading for pleasure. We recommend that prior to your son starting Habs, you continue to build the habit of reading to him daily, at the same time as encouraging him to look at books independently.

We do not give prescriptive booklists in the Pre-Prep School as we believe that each child has their own individual reading tastes and should be choosing their own reading material, which will then motivate them to read.

Instead, we encourage visits to libraries and bookshops to access as wide a range of books as possible. However, we also recognise that it's helpful to have some guidance. Here are stories and authors that have been popular with our current Year 1 and Year 2 students.

- Nathan Bryon
- David Litchfield
- Nadia Shireen
- Jory John
- Simon Philip
- Michelle Robinson
- Kes Gray
- Anthony Browne
- Wigglesbottom Primary by Pamela Butchart
- Peanut Butter and Crackers series by Paige Braddock
- Claude or Astrid and the Space Cadet books by Alex T Smith
- Adventuremice by Philip Reeve
- Rabbit and Bear by Julian Gough

We would also encourage you and your son to

- Read fairy and folk tales from different cultures and ancient mythologies
- Browse periodicals at the local library, such as First News, The Week Junior etc.
- Read age-appropriate non-fiction
- Read aloud poetry

We look forward to welcoming your son to the Habs library!

Yours faithfully.

Mrs Clare Zinkin
Pre-Prep Library

