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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 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 series that have been particularly popular with our current Year 2 and Year 3 students.

- Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith
- Daisy series by Kes Gray
- Marge in Charge by Isla Fisher
- The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy
- Marv and the Mega Robot by Alex Falase-Koya
- Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
- Investigators by John Patrick Green
- Big Book of series by Yuval Zommer
- Bad Panda by Swapna Haddow
- Frank Cottrell-Boyce

We also recommend the boys to continue to read picture books including those by Mini Grey, Andrea Beatty, Shinsuke Yoshitake, Poonam Mistry, Oliver Jeffers, and Jon Klassen.

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
Prep Library

