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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Reading

Here at Habs, we strongly believe that reading is one of the most important things in a child's early education. We recommend that prior to your child starting here, you continue to build the habit of reading to them daily, at the same time as encouraging them to read independently and talk about the books.

We do not give prescriptive booklists in the Prep School as we believe that each child has their own individual reading tastes and we would like them to become adept at 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 3 students.

- Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T Smith
- The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- Books by Tom Fletcher, including The Creakers
- Lockett and Wilde by Lucy Strange
- Charlie Changes into a Chicken by Sam Copeland
- The Time Machine Next Door by Iszi Lawrence
- Planet Omar by Zanib Mian
- Leonora Bolt by Lucy Brandt
- The Girl Who Walked on Air by Emma Carroll

We would also encourage you and your child 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 and poetry

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Clare Zinkin  
**Head of Reading/Prep Librarian**

