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Dear Parents

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We are very lucky at Sabden to have a wonderful collection of books for the children to read and enjoy. Over the last few years I have invested thousands of pounds into the reading book scheme, library and non fiction books using money donated by the PTFA, monies raised through after school clubs and events and from the school's annual budget.

I am a huge supporter of children being able to physically hold a book, turn the pages, read the words and, where they exist, delight in the illustrations each page holds. In this day of screens and digitalised everything it is more important than ever to give our children the opportunity to have access to an actual book.

Reading results at Sabden are very good and year on year we attain very high results in our KS2 SATs but we remain ambitious.

With all of this in mind, I am now asking for your help. I have reviewed our guided reading protocols within the school and want to improve them further but this means needing to buy many more books. Guided reading is the vehicle where teachers actually teach children how to read; how to tackle new words, how to 'read' punctuation, how to add expression and interest; how to 'read between the lines'. It is during this guided reading where children learn to become more independent readers.

Guided reading at Sabden looks different in each Key Stage. Reception and Year 1 read in small groups of no more than 6 children, all at a similar reading ability. Pupils in Year 2 and upwards approach guided reading through a model of a whole class read with some smaller group instruction also taking place.

For a whole class reading model each child needs their own copy of the book and as you can imagine buying 30 books of the same title for each half term and for each class would be extremely expensive and we simply do not have the funds to enable us to do this. Would it be at all possible that you buy the book for your child yourself and, if you were feeling particularly generous, donate it to school after your child has finished with it? As we teach on a 2 year cycle this would be for this (Year A) and next academic year (Year B). This would mean that we could build up a fantastic resource of guiding reading books which could be used year after year without any more cost to yourself.

I have added the guided reading plan for each class for you to see and if you think you can help us out then I would really be most very grateful. If you can help remember you only need to look at the Fiction Book list and not the non fiction or performance rows.

Many thanks,

Elizabeth Maskell



Year 2 Booklist

Year A & B

Coming Home – Michael Murporgo

The Proudest Blue – Ibtihaj Muhammed

The Rainbow Bear – Michael Morpurgo

The Hodgeheg – Dick King Smith

Flat Stanley – Jeff Brown

Year A 2024 - 2025	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Fiction		Coming Home	The Proudest Blue	The Rainbow Bear	The Hodgeheg	Flat Stanley
Non Fiction		Non Fiction (Pupil Interest Choice)	Non chronological texts	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest Choice)	Non chronological texts	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest Choice)
Performance		Performance <i>Nativity</i>	Poetry <i>The Gruffalo</i>	Performance <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Poetry <i>The Snail and the Whale</i>	Poetry <i>The Highway Rat</i>

Year 3/4 Booklist

Year A

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark – Jill Tomlinson

Firework Maker's Daughter – Phillip Pullman

Stig of the Dump – Clive King

The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo

The Iron Man – Ted Hughes

When the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo

Year A 2024 - 2025	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Fiction	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the	Firemaker's Daughter	Stig of the Dump	The Butterfly Lion	The Iron Man	When the Whales Came
Non Fiction	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest)	Non chronological reports	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest)	Non chronological reports	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest Choice)	Non chronological reports
Performance	Poetry <i>Jelly Boots Smelly Boots</i>	Playscripts <i>The Twits</i>	Poetry <i>The Owl and the Pussycat</i>	Playscripts <i>Mary Poppins</i>	Playscripts <i>Mary Poppins</i>	Poetry <i>Tiger Tiger Burning Bright</i>

Year 5/6 Booklist

Year A

Secrets of the Sun King – Emma Carroll

Wonder – R.J. Palacio

Goodnight Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian

Charlotte’s Web – E.B.White

The Windrush Child – Benjamin Zephaniah

Letters from the Lighthouse – Emma Carroll

Year A 2024 - 2025	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Class Novel	Secrets of the	Wonder	Goodnight Mr	Charlotte’s	The Windrush	Letters from the
Non Fiction	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest Choice)	Non chronological reports	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest Choice)	Non chronological reports	Non Fiction (Pupil Interest Choice)	Non chronological reports
Performance	Poetry <i>The Highway Man</i>	Playscripts <i>The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the</i>	Poetry <i>Macavity</i>	Playscripts <i>Mary Poppins</i>	Playscripts <i>Mary Poppins</i>	Poetry <i>Jaberwocky</i>