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*'This is a GOOD school.
Teaching is good because
teachers know their pupils well'
(OFSTED 2015)*

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Dear Parents,

We have some exciting news! Today every class in school was given an amazing gift of a box full of brand new books. They are a gift from our lovely PTA and we have big plans for how we are going to use them in school. Can I take this opportunity to thank, not only the PTA for their generosity, but also all of you who have supported the many great events that the PTA has organised.

Each box contains 32 books (two copies of 16 different titles) that have been specially selected by the book experts at Peters Educational Books as the ultimate recommended reading for each year group. Some titles are familiar favourites and others are newly published by upcoming authors.

We are calling them our Recommended Reads and the reason there are two copies of each is because this will allow book partners to discuss the book as they are reading it and share thoughts and feelings about the characters, plots and endings. This shared experience will add a real purpose to reading and encourage children to think more about what they are reading.

The inside of each book will have a bookplate where children will write their name when they start to read it. Upon finishing each book, children will be asked to give it a star rating out of 5 and to complete a short review. These reviews will be displayed on walls or as books in each classroom so children will feel a sense of pride as they finish each book.

Initially, each class is going to introduce these books in its own way. Some classes are going to keep them as a reading resource to be kept in school; others are going to allow children to bring the books home as an alternative to the usual home reading book. We hope that you will show an interest in the Recommended Read book that your child starts to read and if possible have your own book discussions and shared reading. A bedtime story is a treasured experience for children on any age, so feel free to take

