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Dear Parents/Carers

Your Child has just received their Bookbuzz book!

Our school is taking part in BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme, which aims to get children reading. Bookbuzz is run by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity, which transforms lives by getting children and families reading. OECD research shows that, children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly. For this reason, we believe that it is important to encourage students at TNHA to read regularly for pleasure.

Your child chose their own book to read from this year's sixteen chosen Bookbuzz titles. We hope that Bookbuzz will encourage your child to read more frequently, which will help improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity.

Here are some simple ways to encourage your child to read:

- Get talking! The easiest way to get involved is to talk to your child about books and reading. Their new Bookbuzz book is a great place to start. What do they enjoy about their book? Who is their favourite character? Talking about books together can help your child to form and share their opinion on what they like to read and why.
- Encourage your child to read different types of text. Reading doesn't just mean fiction; reading is reading – it all counts. Your child may prefer reading newspapers, magazines, graphic novels, non-fiction books, plays, recipes, travel guides or poetry.
- Read at home, yourself. Being a reading role model is very important. Let your child see you reading at home, talk about your reading experiences, share your favourite book.
- Make sure your child is completing their Sparx reader homework. Sparx reader is easily accessed online using a laptop, mobile phone or tablet. It's a great way to ensure your child reads for at least 30 minutes each week. The more they read, the more they are rewarded. We have raffles and prizes for the top readers each week.

We will be launching our new #TNHAreads strategy in the new year. Get ahead by encouraging your child to start reading now.

We hope that your child enjoys their new reading book.

TNHA Reading Team