

Friday 25th November 2011

Dear parents,

This year, Sharmans Cross is looking to create a reading community that will extend beyond the classroom and be taken into your homes. There is a great body of research that suggests that children who read for pleasure develop cross-curricular and emotional skills that they can apply in school and home situations. Exposing children to different texts immerses them in a wealth of language, grammar and imagination, which they will then be able to use and adapt within their own writing.

One of the ways we are looking to do this is to encourage you to take an active role in choosing and sharing books with your children. We will be opening the school library every Monday from 3:30 – 4:15 so that you can come and choose a book with your child. We will start this on Monday 5th December.

Furthermore, we are hoping to create a book exchange that will allow you (and also younger children in your family) to come and borrow a book from the library too. For this to happen, we are hoping that you may be able to donate any unwanted but good quality adult or infant books which others could borrow on an informal basis. If you do have any books that you would like to donate, please send them to Miss Jefferies in 3ZJ.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Jefferies