



Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Dear Parents,

As you all know, reading is a vital part of every child's education and directly impacts the path they follow as they grow up. At Caton, we are passionate about ensuring that children learn to read as quickly and confidently as possible. In addition, we understand the importance of instilling a lifelong love of reading within our children.

We have been so impressed by the children's enthusiasm and confidence in reading over the first half term, and we know that many of them would love the opportunity to share this with their teachers and peers more often. Therefore, we would like to encourage the children to continue expanding their love of reading beyond the walls of our school. Each half term, we are running a competition called '**I love reading!**', where the children will be asked to demonstrate their love of reading through an activity that they will complete outside of school. They will receive a new challenge each half-term so that they can demonstrate just how much they love reading,

This half term, the activity will be to produce an **alternative book cover** (both front and rear) for a book that they have read and loved. The children must think about the original cover and then come up with an alternative idea, using their knowledge of the book and their imagination to help them. They could use **drawing, painting, collaging or their own digital image** to create their cover artwork. Alongside this, each child should **produce a short blurb** for the book that gives potential readers **clues** about what they might encounter.

We strongly encourage all of our families to get involved in this activity so that we can share our love of reading as a school community. At the end of the half term, teachers will select a winning entry from each year group and the chosen children will have their photo and work displayed on our new reading beanstalk in the school library. They will also have the opportunity to share their work with the whole school.

Please send in any entries to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Cain. We sincerely hope that you make the time to complete your first 'I love reading!' challenge and we cannot wait to see all of your entries.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cain

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