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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer Reading Drop, sometimes referred to as the "Summer Slide," refers to the decline in reading habits and skills during the summer break. Studies have shown that students tend to experience a loss in reading ability when they are not engaged in regular reading activities. With the summer holidays fast approaching please find some ideas below to encourage your child to read over their break from school.

Ideas to support your child with reading over the holidays:

- Read books from the school, or local library. We encourage students to borrow as many books as possible from the school library before breaking up for the holidays. Our school librarians are on hand to help students select a book they will enjoy.
- Engage in school's 'Book Swap' initiative. Visit the school library before the end of term and help yourself to a book from the 'Book Swap' table. There is no obligation to return it, or to donate one in return, although you can!
- Read an 'ebook' (digital book - via phone, tablet or computer). Details below of how to access these with a Swanshurst logon.

How does an 'ebook' work?

Ensure your device has the ePlatform app which can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store, Google Play Store or visit eplatform.com to begin (called 'ePlatform by Wheelers'). Students use their Swanshurst username (including @swanshurst.school) and password to access the platform.

- Read with/to a parent/sibling. There is no age limit to reading aloud or being read to!
- Find other ways for your child to access reading, for example:
 - read a recipe
 - read a magazine/comic
 - read song lyrics
 - read a travel guide
 - complete puzzles

We hope everyone has a restful summer holidays and look forward to welcoming keen readers back in September.

Yours sincerely,

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