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Dear Parent / Carer

Reading Fluency Programme

As part of some county-wide work, South Dartmoor Community College has been involved this year in a Reading Fluency Project with Babcock Education Services. The project is research-based and South Dartmoor have been fortunate to be involved in this project from the very beginning. So far, the project has yielded some excellent results: it is designed to help children who need a boost in their reading comprehension. Reading fluency refers to the speed at which a reader can read words and place them into an understanding of the whole text; it is a crucial reading skill.

Adrian Fleming, one of our English teachers, will deliver Reading Fluency sessions to a small group of pupils, twice a week for 7 weeks. During these sessions we will be trying out some of the ideas that have already proved themselves to be very successful in other schools in the UK – the progress that other children have shown has been really exciting! We would *really* like your son/daughter to take part in these sessions at South Dartmoor.

So that we can understand how successful these sessions have been, we have done a short test with students, which we will then re-run at the end of the period, so that we can measure the impact of the approaches we will be using. These tests are administered one to one and are very low-key to avoid any stress. During the 7 weeks, your son/daughter will need to practise reading short texts at home as often as they can, and if you would like to help them, that would be great; we will send home some simple guidance on how to do this.

If you have any concerns about your son/daughter taking part in the Reading Fluency project, please contact Adrian Fleming at the school: afleming1@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk
Thank you, in advance, for your support.

With best wishes

Dave Ray