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Dear Parents

This year, in school, we are focusing on developing our teaching of reading. Your child may have mentioned a bear called DERIC. He can be seen in all our classrooms at Mickleover Primary School, helping us to improve our reading and reading-comprehension skills.

D	Decode	Using our phonics awareness to work out what the words say.
E	Explain	Explain specific words; find words that mean the same / opposite etc.
R	Retrieve	Find information from the text, summarise, order facts/events etc.
I	Interpret	Inference skills - reading between the lines.
C	Choice	Looks at why authors have written in a particular way or why texts have been organised as they have.

DERIC sessions will involve whole class reading - where specific skills will be taught – but will also include some small group reading activities. Our aim is to use high-quality texts which will motivate children and lead to a developed understanding of what they are reading.

***In KS1**, we will still be hearing your child read and they will continue to change their books regularly.

***In KS2**, these sessions will replace ‘Guided Reading’. Inevitably, this could mean that your child does not read to an adult at school as frequently as they did, and will mean that Home/School diaries are not initialled by staff as often as they were. We do wish to reassure you though, that your child will continue to read in school on a regular basis.

We look forward to sharing more information about DERIC as the year progresses. In the meantime, hopefully your child will be able to tell you what they have been doing in their reading sessions.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

R Hilton and H Wildsmith (Literacy Co-ordinators)

