This term we are working on a way to offer holiday reading to the Foundation to Year 2 students for the Christmas holidays. This has been a problem in the past as books tend to get lost if we send them home over the long break. Replacement costs are very expensive. However, we are also aware that reading levels in this age group drop over the holidays if the children don’t read.

We are looking at a computer program in which teachers can assign online books, at an appropriate level, for children to read on their computer, ipad, or even mum’s phone! The children can access the program from home and it will allow them to record their reading and even complete some simple follow-up activities. Teachers will be able to access the recording and the results of the activities for each child.
This may solve the problem of a long break without reading, and will be a fun activity for those “boring holiday moments.” More news will come about this program when we have full access to it. Until then, remember that the best way to become a better reader is to READ!!

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