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Reading Book Guidelines

Dear Parents/Carers

I just wanted to update you on the school procedure for book changing as some children will notice a change from today.

Thanks to the School's PTA we have been able to purchase a complete set of Read, Write, Inc. books to complement the reading taking place during our Phonics lessons. The Read Write Inc. Phonics storybooks provide structured practice in decoding words and reading through phonics. Each set of books is carefully graded so that children can read them with confidence, as soon as they have learned the sounds linked to the set during their phonics lessons.

Foundation Stage

If your child is currently in Foundation Stage they will be receiving a Word Time sheet with the sound of the day at least 3 times a week. There is an expectation that reading diaries will be signed on a daily basis when the sheets have been read at home.

Ditty Books

Once your child has completed Word Time they will move into a Ditty group for phonics and writing. Once they are in this group they will start to receive a Ditty book which will come home with them once they have finished reading it at school. This way they should be able to read and talk about the book with confidence. They bring the book back to school after a few days (the number of days will be confirmed by the class teacher) and change it for a new one. Please continue to record in their reading diary that they have been heard read on a daily basis.

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Read, Write, Inc. Phonics Groups (Foundation, Year 1 and 2)

Green, Purple, Pink and Orange groups

If your child is in one of these Read, Write, Inc. groups they will no longer be issued with an Oxford Reading Tree Scheme book but instead they will receive the book that they are studying in their phonics and writing group. This book will be issued on the first day of the new book (day varies as this is a 3 day programme) and your child will be expected to return it 3 school days later. All books are paper copies due to the huge numbers required by all our children, therefore, we will be giving each child a plastic wallet in order to keep their book safe. This wallet will stay with the child and the book will be changed each week. Please remind your children to look after the books as we need them for future children. Parents should continue recording in the child's diary when they have read at home.

Yellow, Blue and Grey Groups

If your child is in one of these Read, Write, Inc groups they will no longer be issued with an Oxford Reading Tree Scheme book but instead they will receive the book that they are studying in their phonics and writing group. This book will be issued on the first day (usually a Monday) of the new book and your child will be able to take this home with them and keep it until the following Monday. All books are paper copies due to the huge numbers required by all our children, therefore, we will be giving each child a plastic wallet in order to keep their book safe. This wallet will stay with the child and the book will be changed each week. Please remind your children to look after the books as we need them for future children. Parents should continue recording in the child's diary when they have read at home.

Literacy and Language (Year 2 – 6)

Children who are currently in a Literacy and Language group will continue working through the Oxford Reading Tree Scheme as they have always done in the past. Children will progress naturally through the scheme once they have completed Read, Write, Inc. The children will have the opportunity to change their ORT book once a week and parents should continue recording in their diary when they have read at home.

All children will continue to have the opportunity to have a free choice book and change this as regularly as they need to plus a library book which they have the opportunity of changing once a week. Please feel free to supplement reading books from school with reading material from home as well.

All lost or damaged books throughout the school will incur a charge of £5.00 which is payable to the school through Mrs Baker so that she can keep a track of missing or damaged books.

Attached to this letter is a reading booklet with ideas on how to question your child while they are reading. I hope this will prove useful and using this at home will help your child gain a deeper understanding of the texts that they read.

I am sure with all changes there will be teething problems. Please bear with us while iron these all out.

Many thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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