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Dear Parents

RWI Phonics and Reading Books

The RWI scheme includes storybooks linked to each stage of phonics and provide the children with an opportunity to read at their pace and at their own decoding ability. The books do not require them to use other strategies to work out words.

Your child will continue to bring home carefully matched RWI books to read with you, which only include sounds that they have already learnt and with which they are fully secure. Please explain the story to your child using the 'Introduction' and follow the reading activities (advice is given on the inside cover and first page of each book):

- Practise reading the Speed Sounds
- Read the Green words (words you can sound out), Red words (tricky words)
- Listen to the introduction – language comprehension
- Discuss the vocabulary check
- Read the story (can be 'My Turn/ Your Turn – child reads a line/page – adult reads a line/page)
- Re-read the story and discuss the 'questions to talk about'
- Practise reading the Speed Words

It is expected that children should read and re-read books accurately. **Therefore it is recommended that your child reads the story aloud three times, once to decode the words, the second time so you can ensure they fully comprehend, and thirdly to discuss the story in greater depth.** This strategy will scaffold their reading knowledge and development and ensure they become a confident and secure reader.

Reading books will be changed weekly and your child will have two or three books each week. Some books might be challenging and your child might rely heavily on sounding out and blending (Fred Talk) at first, but with lots of practise and help from home they will move through the programme confidently.

If you have any questions, please get in touch by telephoning or emailing the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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