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Dear Parents and Carers

EYFS and KS1 Reading Books

I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and festivities.

Reading is a key priority for our school. 'Pupils who struggle to read, struggle in **all** subjects and the wonders of a knowledge-rich curriuclum passes them by unread.' Nick Gibb, MP, 2021.

From this term, your child will be bringing home two books to read each week.

One of the books is based on the phonic sound that your child is currently working on in class. This book will be familiar to your child, having worked on the book in class during reading and phonic lessons. They should be able to read this book to you fluently. Research tells us that children need to revisit texts often to improve their decoding and fluency skills which in turn, supports understanding and comprehension of texts they read.

The second book your child brings home is for sharing with you. Please take the time to read and share this book with your child. Reading aloud to children supports their development as readers and fosters positives attiudes and motivation to read as well as developing vocabulary and imagination.

Reading is an important skill and has direct links to a child's mental health and wellbeing as well as their academic success. As parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.



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During the coming term, we will be running a parent workshop to help and guide you in supporting your child with their reading devleopment.

Many thanks for your continued support and happy reading!

Yours sincerely

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