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Dear Parents / Carers

We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we can continue our home-school links and reading in a COVID safe way. Now restrictions are easing, we are pleased that this week your child will be bringing home a reading book and a reading for pleasure book.

Nursery

Initially, Nursery will only take home a 'reading for pleasure' book. This will go home on Monday and be returned to school on Friday in preparation to be quarantined. This will be a book of their choice and will be changed weekly.

Reception / KS1

As you are all aware, over the past couple of years we have transitioned our phonics and reading scheme in Early Years and Key Stage 1 from 'Letters and Sounds' to 'Read Write Inc'. The books that the children will be bringing home will be linked to this scheme and will be bespoke to your child's reading needs.

There are several types of reading book that your child may bring home:

- 1- Set 1 speed sounds book
- 2- Sound blending book
- 3- Ditty reading sheet
- 4- Read Write Inc paper story books
- 5- Read Write Inc book bag books
- 6- Book banded books

In addition to this, your child will be bringing home a 'reading for pleasure' book. These books are chosen for your children to enjoy with an adult or sibling.

Your child will be bringing home a reading wallet that includes a RWI / book banded book and a 'Reading for pleasure' book. We are asking that they are brought into school every day in their reading wallet. At the moment, there is no expectation that parents record when the child has read, however, there will be an expectation that the child reads the book that they bring home at least 3 times a week.

Please see the website for an official Ruth Miskin 'How we teach reading' FAQ page along with the official RWI 'Reading at home' booklets 1 and 2. Hopefully this will answer any questions that you may have.

KS2

Your child will be bringing home a 'book banded' reading book which will be bespoke to their reading level and a 'reading for pleasure' book, which are chosen for your children to enjoy with an adult or sibling. These will be brought to and from school in a reading wallet and we ask that these books can be brought to school every day.

At the moment, there is no expectation that parents record when the child has read, however, there will be an expectation that the child reads the book that they bring home at least 3 times a week.

Please see the website for top tips to support your child with reading at home.

As always, thank you for your continued support.