

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 – New Reading Books

Today your child will come home with an additional reading book. They are brand new books that are part of our new ELS Phonics scheme and closely match the sounds the children have learnt in class.

The book your child has been given will either be practising sounds that we have recently learned in the last couple of weeks or be sounds that they have previously had difficulty with. If we want them to practise a particular sound this sound will be written in your child's reading record or circled in a list of sounds.

Some of the new books are called Little Blending Books and don't have very many words in so that the children can really focus on that sound rather than trying to understand a story at the same time, so don't worry that they have less text in.

As we are in a transitional period between schemes we have decided to still give your child a book with a book band colour for the time being. If one of the new books has a different colour on the back please ignore this, as it is because specific sounds have been identified as needing practise or consolidation, not because your child has gone up or down a book band level.

Finally, School has made a huge investment in our lovely new books so could we kindly ask that every care is taken in looking after the books as much as possible and avoid putting water bottles in book bags which frequently leak over the books.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

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Phonics Lead



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