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Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Reading – Reception

Your child will be coming home with three books every week and I wanted to take this opportunity to explain this in a bit more detail.

There will be:

- 1) A book which is linked to the sound(s) your child is learning in phonics.
- 2) A book band book. This is a book that is matched to your child's stage in their learning and grasp of phonics, with a focus on their ability to decode.
- 3) A Reading for Pleasure book.

We have carefully selected the Reading for Pleasure books that will be sent home and hope you enjoy them together. There will be a sticker on this book which notes it is a Reading for Pleasure book and your child is not expected to be able to read this book. The purpose of this book is for you to read it to your child over the week with a focus on enjoying the book together.

Your child will also have a Reading Record which will have the three books noted in there. We expect you to sign the record each time you read with your child so the teacher knows that you are listening to your child read daily and you are sharing the Reading for Pleasure book. It is fine to sign for more than one day within each an individual box to use the pages more cost effectively. You are more than welcome to write more information, but this is not expected. The class teacher or Teaching Assistant will make notes for you in the Reading Record when they listen to your child read.

For all books that are sent home with your child, we expect they come back into school. We will have to charge parents/carers for the cost of the book if it is lost or badly damaged. School has made a huge financial investment in ensuring we are able to give our children a wide range of home reading opportunities so your understanding on this would be hugely appreciated.

Kind regards,

Deborah Howard (Headteacher)