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Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Reading – Year 2

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:

Either:

A book which is linked to the sound(s) your child is learning in phonics and a book band book. The book band book is matched to your child's stage in their learning and grasp of phonics, with a focus on their ability to decode.

Or

Two book band books

Additionally, all children will have 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.

At present, as we move to (and get to grips with) our new phonics system, it may be to start with your child comes home with book band books and a Reading for Pleasure book, when they should also have a book linked to the sound(s) they are working on in phonics. If this is the case, your child will shortly start to come home with the book that links to the sound(s) they are learning in phonics too. It is also worth noting that sometimes one of your child's books may be an e-book.

There will be lots of support being sent out by our school about reading this year, but I hope for now this will make it clear on what to expect for home reading books over the coming weeks.

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,

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Headteacher