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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading Books

This half term the children have been working so hard. We are so proud of them! As the children complete their Ditty Sheets they will move onto reading books. These will include the sounds the children have been taught in school.

Inside the front cover, there are story green words which the children can practice blending and the red words which they will begin to recognise without blending. You can practice these first and then work through the book.

Guided Reading

In school, as the children become more confident we will also begin 'Guided Reading'. This is a group guided session where the children will practice reading and answering questions linked to the text. These start as Ditty guided reading and move on to books. Once your child reaches the stage of a Guided Reading book this will also be sent home. Please read both the Reading book and the Guided Reading book. Although you do not need to do both in one sitting!

Purple Homework Book

You may have noticed we have now taught all of the letters and their corresponding sound. This makes up Set 1 of our phonics sessions. Thank you for all of your support helping your child to practice reading and writing these sounds at home. As the children move on to set 2 & 3 we will use the reading books to practice and consolidate these sounds. So please now use this time to ensure you are reading 5 times per week with your child.

Reading Record

Each time you read, please record this in your child's reading record as it helps us to keep track of how many times your child has read their book. Also, please don't forget it is really helpful for children to read the text multiple times. The more times they read the book the more fluent they will get with the words. Once they are fluent they can develop their comprehension and their reader voice. These are all really important skills when becoming a reader!

Please remember that your child is an individual and will move at their own pace through reading so some may begin books very soon and for some they may still be enjoying the Ditty Sheets.

Thank you for all your support, please see us if you have any further questions.

Jade MacDonald & Pippa Jones

