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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading books

This week your child will be bringing home a reading folder with their book or green words to read at home. Please encourage your child to sound out the letters and then blend these together to enable them to read the word. E.G – The sounds are c-a-t, if we blend them together it is cat. At school we call this 'fred talk' as we talk out the sounds before we blend them together.

Your child has been given a set day to bring their reading book folder into school to have their books/words changed. This will be once a week. Please only bring in their folder on this set day. This information will be inside the front cover of their reading log book.

There will also be a username and password for your child to access 'Teach your monster to read'. This is a free app that can be used alongside reading to help your child progress with their phonics.

Please record in their reading log book every time they read (books or flash cards) to you at home. Every time they read they will earn a sticker for their bookmark which will result in a prize once one side of their bookmark is filled up.

Reading books

We have recently invested in several sets of Read Write Inc 'Book bag books' which match up with the phonics programme we teach in school. This means that children will now be bringing home reading books which match the colour of their phonics group and these books will contain sounds that they have been taught in school. We do not want to send stories home the children cannot read because we always want them to be set up to succeed in their reading. We want to make sure they enjoy reading so that they want to read. The more they read, the faster progress they will make.

In the front cover of each book, there is a parent guide to using it. To get the maximum benefit from these books, we would encourage you to read each one three times. Each time the child reads the story, it will become more familiar to them which will increase their confidence and fluency. At the end of each book, there are comprehension questions to talk about. Please continue to listen to your child read at home every day, even if it is only a couple of pages.

Reading for pleasure

Research shows that reading stories to your children that are beyond the level that they can read for themselves is hugely beneficial. They'll want to become readers if they experience the joy of listening to a range of stories, non-fiction and poetry. Please ensure that you continue to read books to your children at home.

Finally, a polite reminder that we have spent a lot of money on these books, to ensure that the children are having the best reading experience possible. Therefore, please note that any lost or damaged books will be charged for.

We hope that you find these new resources useful and that your children continue to enjoy reading with you at home. Please do feel to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Maidment

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