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Dear Parents and carers,

Re: RWI home reading scheme and book amnesty

At William Harding we work hard to ensure that all children have access to a wide range of books and stories to develop their love of reading. As part of this, we offer home readers (that come home with a yellow reading record), Oxford Reading Buddy (an online reading scheme) and weekly RWI books that are matched specifically to the word decoding level of your child. All of these schemes work together to ensure your child is getting a rounded reading experience.

The books offered as part of the RWI home reading scheme are phonetically decodable for your child and so they should be able to read these independently. Each Friday, the children are given a book for them to read at home. This **MUST** be returned in order for it to be changed the following Friday. Please note that some children may be sent home with sounds, words or a short story on a piece of paper rather than a book. These do not need to be returned and can be kept at home for you to continue practising.

Book Amnesty

Unfortunately, we have noticed that in recent years a lot of books have not been returned. Therefore children have not been given another one the following week. This has led to a disruption in this scheme. We would like to have a book amnesty where **ANY** RWI books or other school reading books can be returned to the school to hopefully replenish our stock and get the scheme started again.

Please can all families search their homes for any books that may belong to the school that are not currently being used and return them to the class teacher during the first week of the second spring term.

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We will then start the scheme from scratch on the first Friday after half term. Please see below an example of what these books may look like.



Kind regards,
William Harding RWI team.

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