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Dear families,

Reception and KS1 RWI Home readers

As a school we are determined to get every child reading accurately and fluently as soon as they can! Reading is the fundamental base of a child's learning. It supports children's understanding and development across the whole curriculum as well as being a key life skill and an enjoyable pastime.

Supporting your child with their reading is also one of the easiest ways that you can support their learning at home. There are three ways in which you can do this.

1. **Home Readers and Online Reading Buddy.** These are books that you should read **with your child**. Children use decoding, word recognition and picture clues to make sensible guesses when reading new words. Sometimes the words can be tricky as they are common exception words or feature new sounds, so these require a little help from a grown up. Our Home readers and the Online reading books feature a range of genres and also create plenty of opportunities for comprehension and discussion.
2. **RWI books.** These are books that **children can read independently**. These are matched to the children's RWI level and are completely decodable using the sounds that they know. The stories will have been already read by the children in class. Rereading and repetition is an important part of learning to read. Children learn by repetition and this is particularly helpful for developing sight reading and fluency. This also helps children's confidence in reading. Children will receive books once they are reading Red RWI books.
3. **Library books and Suggested Stories.** These are books that **you should read to your child** as they are too difficult for the children to read on their own. Reading to children helps them to develop their language and vocabulary skills for both reading and writing. Rereading familiar and favourite stories, encouraging children to join in and explore expression prepares them for reading by themselves when they are ready. It can also be quality time shared as a family.

Home readers are changed as and when the children are ready, after they have read the book more than once.

RWI books are changed on a Friday, and **library books** weekly as timetabled in the year group.

If you have any questions or concerns about reading, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards,

Mrs D Willis
RWI Leader

Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.

