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Reading in Year 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

HOME READING BOOKS – INFORMATION

Today your child will have brought home 2 reading books. These are banded with a coloured sticker on the side to show the colour band. Within each coloured band there is a fairly broad range of fiction and non-fiction books. To help support developing readers, we have divided our pink, red and yellow level books using the number system that you will be familiar with from Reception. Therefore, if your child is on the red level then they will be bringing home either Red 3, Red 4 or Red 5 books. The blue books onwards are not numbered, and so you will find that the children may not move through these colours as quickly.

The children have opportunities to change their reading books independently during the school day. If you wish to help your child change their books then can we please ask that you do so after school only and not in the mornings. We ask that children only take home two books at a time to ensure there are enough books for all children in Years 1 and 2. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you feel your child is secure with the words and comprehension in his/her reading books and is ready for the next level.

We use a separate guided-reading scheme for reading in school. Your child will read these books with an adult either individually or in groups, Therefore, we will not be reading the home colour-banded books with the children in school and so will not write comments about these in your child's reading diary.

Children have been given a new reading diary. We hope that these books will make it easier and quicker for you to record the reading that you do at home. Please feel free to read other books alongside the reading scheme books. It is also very valuable to re-read a book more than once before changing it to build up familiarity and fluency.

Many thanks for your support.

Miss Horsepool

Mrs Bramley

Mrs Boscher