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A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting your child by reading with them at home. Every time you read with your child, you are helping them in so many ways. Just to make sure that everyone knows how the new system works, here is what you should expect.

Reading Scheme Books

Year 1: Your child will bring home two, **reading scheme books** at exactly the right level to support their phonic development. Inside the front cover of the book, there is usually a list of sounds and words that will come up in the book. It is really beneficial if you start with these words and sounds so that your child can then read the book fluently. Read the books over and over again so that your child recognises the words and the sounds with ease. Try to do this every day. They will also have a key ring with phonic sounds. Use this to help your child recognise the sounds quickly and easily. When phonic sounds are known, children can read almost any new word confidently.

Year 2: Your child will bring home two, **reading scheme books** each week. These books are at the right level for your child. One book will be full decodable (every word can be sounded out) and the other book will contain a mixture of decodable words and key words. Inside the cover you will see words and sounds to be practised before your child reads the book. Please read every day so that your child learns to read quickly and easily. Your child will also have a key ring with words that they should learn to read and spell. Read these words frequently so that the spelling pattern begins to sink in, and then work on writing the word.

'Read Together' Books

We have invested a huge amount of money on beautiful picture books for you to read together at home. We call these the **Read Together** books and they have a label on the inside. Your child will bring home one **Read Together** book every week and this should be read by an adult to your child. The books should appeal to every child and will provide lots of opportunities for talking about the words and the pictures.

Please make sure that all school books are in your child's bag every day so that we can read with your child in school. We are already struggling to keep track of the books because some books have not been returned so if you could have a check at home, it would be much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Bernadette Galloway
Head of School



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