



Dear Parents and Carers,

We adopt a systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programme called '**Read Write Inc**' in line with guidance on how to effectively teach children to read.

As part of your child's reading development, books are sent home weekly to help consolidate phonic knowledge, as children learn how to blend words together and read.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home each week:

- **A 'Book Bag' book.** These are matched to complement the phonic stage for your child and should be read across the week. Re-visiting and re-reading this book a number of times over the week will support your child's blending and fluency skills as well as their confidence.
- **A 'Reading for Pleasure' book.** Your child may not be able to read this book on their own, as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read, discuss and enjoy together, which your child has self-selected from the classroom book area or school library.

We recommend that children read with an adult at home for a minimum of 5-10 minutes each day, including weekends and ask that an adult records this on the Learning with Parents Reading Log app.

Each week (on a day to be advised) your child's Book Bag book should be returned to school so that it can be exchanged for a new book by a member of staff. If the previous book isn't returned, an exchange won't take place.

Due to the high cost of these specially-purchased books, we ask that you take good care of them and inform us immediately if any become lost or damaged – a donation to cover the cost of a replacement may be requested.

We thank you for your continued support with your child's reading and hope that this information will be of help.

Kind regards

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