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KS1 Reading Books

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for reading with your children daily and fostering a love of reading at home. Here is a quick reminder about the school reading books and all the reading opportunities offered within school.

Each week, your child, brings home 2 reading books that match their secure phonics knowledge/ability. At home your child should be able to read this book confidently, using reading methods they have learned in school. The books we send home should not be too challenging to the children, they should be able to be read confidently to practise their reading. Within the school day more challenging reading and further reading skills are taught in guided reading sessions.

The books sent home may appear to be a range of different colour bands but these colours are no longer used to group the books. The books have been carefully tracked and placed into new groups according to the phonics/ spellings in each book. Inside the front cover is a Supersonic Phonic Friends sticker which states the group the book has been chosen from. Please do not be alarmed if your child has a sticker from a colour band they previously had or is no longer on.

On the inside of the front cover, in the top right corner, you may sometimes find a word written in blue. This word is a word that your child may need some extra support to read as their phonics ability has not yet quite covered this. In our phonics lessons we say "if it's in blue I'll give you a clue" and we tell children what that word is. We suggest you find it in the book before your child begins reading and point it out so they are aware of it, show them which page that word comes on again to support them with reading it. Not all books have blue words written in the front cover.

Reading is a skill that requires the children to decode and sound out the word. However, the more complex parts of reading require children to read with fluency, remember what they have read and understand the sentences to be able to answer questions about the text. If your child reads their books fluently, please ask open ended questions about the pictures and text to develop their understanding and vocabulary.

In addition to reading books, we encourage all children to read and share a variety of other texts. Children can visit the reading shed exchange to select new books.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Carey, Mrs Hallsworth and Mrs Morton

Phonics Leads and KS1 leads

