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Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned last week, we are changing the way we teach reading and phonics slightly this year and we recently have invested heavily into an excellent new programme called Read, Write Inc.

All children in Rabbits and Squirrels classes and some in Badgers have been assessed and grouped according to their current level of phonic knowledge and skill. These groups are fluid and children will move groups throughout the year. Sessions will take place daily and all staff have been trained specifically in the programme.

Children in Rabbits, plus some in Squirrels and Badgers, will bring home one book each week which will match their current phonic knowledge and as such should be fully decodable. These will be supplemented by a book from our library to share with an adult or older sibling. This book will probably not be fully decodable for your child yet so the expectation is not for the child to read this book themselves. We believe strongly that children will develop a love of reading through experiencing success when reading at home and having quality story time with a wide range of books.

The best way to help your child achieve well in reading, and indeed across the curriculum, is to hear them read and share and discuss a variety of reading materials as often as you can. We would urge you to strive for five times a week. This is to develop and embed those good reading habits that will help them to be successful in school and beyond. Throughout school, high quality books and other reading resources in the classrooms help to inspire and motivate children to read.

Because we have invested so heavily into the resources we will be using in school. The books your child bring home may seem flimsy for now but please bear with us! WE will be embarking on much fundraising to try and improve this.

This is a new and intensive scheme for staff to manage so please bear with us as we start this exciting journey.

Katie Prescott
Headteacher



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