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Dear Families

## Reading Books

After the half term break, your child will no longer receive the 'challenge' book. Following the latest educational research your child will bring home two reading books that are closely matched to their phonetic reading ability. These are books that children should be able to decode independently and then read fluently after several practices. Your child will continue to visit the library weekly where they select a book of their choice which may be more challenging and need adult support to read.

Below are some tips on how to support your child to be a fluent reader.

### Helping Your Child to Become a Fluent Reader

Your child will bring a new book home **every Monday**. Please try to read it each day with your child. It is very important that children get a chance to read the same book several times. The National Curriculum says children should **"Re-read books to build up fluency and confidence in word reading."**



### Each time they read the same book to you, you are helping them to become more confident and fluent

**Day 1:** This is the first time they have seen this book. It may take a lot of effort to use their phonics and build up each word. Be patient.

**Day 2:** They have read it once before so now they are getting more familiar with the words and practising them.

**Day 3:** It might feel like you have read this book enough but don't stop! Practising the same book each day is helping your child to become a more confident and fluent reader. The more they see these words. The better they are at reading them.

**Day 4:** Are there any sentences or sections that you could show your child how to read a bit better/a bit more expressively? Show them how and get them to echo it back in their best reading voice.

**Day 5:** Your child has read this book 4 times with you and each time the reading will get better, more confident and more fluent. Thank you for reading and talking about the book together.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself about reading at home. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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