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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing success in reading across school we have updated our reading policy recently to include changes that reflect current best practice to ensure all children have access to a range of reading material at home.

We will provide children with **up to 3 books a week** depending on their year group and their reading ability. The reason for this is to support the different aspects of reading that when practiced together promote good progress but more importantly promote a love of reading.

Our plan is to send out books as follows:

Book 1- A Book that matches the sounds (where possible) they are learning in school (RWINC phonics book or similar) this will support the decoding aspect of reading

Book 2 – A book that helps build fluency and expression (Oxford Reading Tree / Usborne story book or a non-fiction book)

Book 3 – Children’s free choice/library book- This book is to support the enjoyment of reading by sharing a book with a family member at home, for example a bedtime story as part of the bedtime routine. This may be a book that your child can’t read yet, or it may be a book that is really easy for your child to read, but they really enjoy. It could be a non-fiction book, a poetry book or their favourite children’s book. This book is purely for the enjoyment of reading and can be read aloud to your child.

We would hope that during the course of the week children will read/share the books multiple times with you and the reading diary is dated and signed. If at all possible it would be really beneficial for your child to read **Book 1** and **Book 2 at least 3 times week** to really develop their understanding of the book. Children who have read at **least three times a week** receive a reward in Friday’s celebration assembly.

PLEASE do not feel pressured into reading all books every night or all 3 books in one night! Ten minutes of reading each night is more beneficial than 30 minutes once a week. As always, if you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to reading your comments in the diaries!

Happy reading!