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Home Reading

Dear Parents/Carers

This Year we are making some changes to our home reading to ensure it is inline with our phonics scheme. As you are aware, last year we changed our phonics scheme and began following Read Write Inc. Phonics. The next phase of this journey is to make sure our home reading links in with the phonics we are doing at school. Therefore, there will be a few changes to the books that your child will bring home when they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

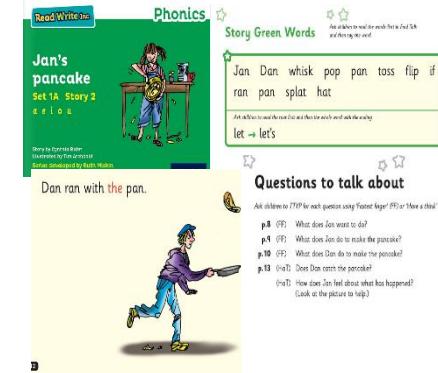
We will no longer be following the colour system that has been in place, so please do not worry if your child comes home with a different coloured book.

Your child will now come home with two different reading books. A phonics book and a 'book to share'.

Phonics Books:

These books will follow the Read Writ Inc. scheme and they will be decodable books. This means they match the sounds your child has learnt and is learning in their phonics. Therefore, they should be able to read these books confidently using their 'Fred talk' (sounding out).

These books will be handed out in our phonics groups on a Tuesday and collected in the following Monday. We will be keeping these books for a longer period because it is important to read a book more than once so that we build our fluency (speed) of reading and become accurate readers. In school, we begin by ensuring we can read every word accurately. Then we can begin to read the story more quickly and even start to use expression. Finally, we check that we can understand the story and answer questions about it. Please make sure you read these books as many times over the week as you can.



Books to Share:

As well as the decodable books children will also bring home a 'book to share'. These will be books that are semi-decodable. This means your child may be able to read most of the words, but they will need help reading some words as they will contain sounds that they have not yet learnt. These books can be changed daily and will allow children to read a variety of different books alongside their phonics book.

A book to share will be coming home this week. Once we have completed our phonics assessments, we will then begin to send home the phonics books too.

We hope that you will read daily, and we do expect a minimum of three signatures a week in your child's reading dairy. Please practice reading both books, even if your child says they have read it in school.

For more information, our school website has a new phonics page, which I will be updating shortly:
<http://www.ludlowprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum/subjects/english/phonics>

Please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher for more information or you can send me a message via dojo.

Happy Reading,

Miss Houchin