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Reading Books

Dear Parents/Carers,

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The first step in teaching a child to read is to teach them the phonetic code and in school we have daily Phonics lessons. To complement your child's Phonics lessons, we have purchased some phonetically decodable books for them to take home. The reading books have been carefully chosen and suit the needs of your child.

If a book is lost, there will be a £2.50 charge.

Please see below some guidance on how to help your child read at home:

1. If your child needs help, please encourage them by saying what the class teacher says in class, "Say the sounds and read the word".
2. If your child needs more help, please do not tell them the whole word - tell them the sounds so they can listen for the word. For example, you say /s/ /a/ /t/ so your child can listen for the whole word 'sat'.
3. If more help is needed, tell your child the word and make a note in their reading diary so the class teacher can help at school.

To help your child become a fluent reader, please encourage your child to read at least three times a week.

Once you have finished reading, ask your child questions about the book that they have just read. This will help with your child's understanding of the book.

Here are some useful links to follow:

<https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>
<https://sounds-write.co.uk/decodables-help/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Armfield
Reading and Phonics Lead



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