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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Reading Scheme for EYFS and KS1

The audit of reading books in Roe and Fallow Class is now complete and your child should have brought home a book this week. As part of the audit, most of the books were re-levelled so that they are now more closely aligned with the phonic stages. This has also allowed us to identify gaps and to purchase new books to fill these. The levels will also match with the books we use for guided reading, enabling consistency across phonics' lessons, guided reading sessions and home learning. It is our intent that this will raise your child's confidence and fluency in reading.

The books that your child brings home should be 90% decodable, which will mean that there may be some 'tricky' words they are unfamiliar with or a grapheme that hasn't yet been taught in class. Please support your child with these by talking about the tricky word or giving them the sound they need in order to blend and read the word.

We have also made changes to our guided reading books and to the structure of these sessions. The same book will be read over two weeks, with the first reading being a decoding session. During the second session, we will read the book again, but the focus will be on understanding the text and developing inference skills. We would like you to follow the same structure at home, reading the book twice - first to decode the book, then to deepen understanding. Before reading the book for the first time, you should still discuss the front cover with your child and predict what the story might be about. During the second read is when you would ask your child about what is happening in the story, how the characters are feeling or discuss any new vocabulary.

We hope that the new levels and the borrowing of books to read at home will run smoothly, but please do talk to us if you have any questions or would like to offer any feedback.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Gibson & Mrs Jepson