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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you of some changes that will be made to our home reading for the foreseeable future.

The children will shortly be receiving a levelled reading book that is clearly matched to their current reading ability. This will ensure that they are able to read the book fluently and to have a deep understanding of what they have read in order to answer questions on the text.

The children will read this book in school but will not, however, be bringing this home each night as they have done previously. In these current times, we are trying to keep school resources in school in order to minimise the risk of any potential risk of infection between home and school.

That said, we are very keen for the children to be practising their reading at home as much as they possibly can.

Instead of a book banded reading book, each child will be bringing home a book that they have chosen from the school library. This may be a fiction or nonfiction book and we would encourage you to sit with your child and share this book together. Your child may be able to read none, part of or most of the book, but the experience of sharing a book is about the enjoyment of reading, something that we are keen to promote as well as the ability to read independently. We will also be sending home some suggestions of questions to ask when sharing books together. Please remember that BugClub is also a resource that we have at school and so this can also be used for developing your child's reading skills. If you are not sure how to access this, please contact your child's teacher via Seesaw.

Alongside this, children will also bring home a reading comprehension. This will be a text that the children will be able to read either independently or with some support and then a series of questions to answer about what they have read. We would encourage you to sit with your child and work through this together to strengthen their reading and comprehension skills. This does not need to be brought back into school to help minimise the potential for home/school infection.

In addition to this, children who still need practise with phonics will be bringing home sounds and words from their current and next phonic level to practice and learn. These are to be practised daily in order to help them catch up. Knowing these sounds and words and being able to recognise the sounds within words and the words by sight are crucial to future reading and writing success.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch via emailing the school office or by contacting your class teacher on Seesaw.

Best wishes Miss Gulc, Miss Pigg, Mrs Dhindsa, Mrs Culley & Mrs Bennett