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Dear Parent/Carers of Classes R & 1

You will notice this week that we are sending new reading books home with your child.

Thank you for your on-going support with helping your child learn to read. Continuing their practice at home can have a huge impact on their reading journey! We have recently invested in a new phonics scheme and matching books to help with this journey. We are excited to share them with you and hope that you enjoy reading them together. The books in each phase of learning include both fiction and non-fiction texts.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

- A reading practice book.
- A sharing (reading for pleasure) book.

Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together. Continue to practise reading the book to develop fluency and expression.

Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!



We will select and send one reading practice book, and one sharing book will be sent home every Friday.

Please return both books to school by Wednesday ready for changing.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs Wallis".

Mrs Wallis
English Co-ordinator

