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Dear Parents

We have been lucky enough to invest in a number of new reading books, which we are looking forward to sharing with your children. These reading books have been created for children up to the age of 11. We have taken the opportunity to reorganise all of our reading books to enhance your child's reading experience and support them to become confident readers. This does mean there will be some changes in the way reading books are managed.

As children learn to read, they rely heavily on their growing phonics knowledge, and need regular opportunities to apply these skills. Therefore as the children first begin to read, they will be given a book closely matched to the level of their phonics knowledge. Alongside this, they will have a second reading book that is matched to their word reading ability and allows them to use other reading skills. Once children are confident phonic readers, they will still bring home a levelled reading book to continue to develop reading fluency, stamina and comprehension skills. All children will have the opportunity to choose their own book from our library on a weekly basis. Children in years 5 and 6 will keep their reading book in school and bring home a library book to enjoy. As children in upper KS2 progress to the end of our reading scheme, they will have access to high quality recommended texts, specifically for their age range.

Book change arrangements are as follows:

Year Group	Book Change	Library
R	Monday and Thursday	Tuesday
1	Monday and Thursday	Friday
2	Tuesday and Friday	Tuesday
3	Friday	Thursday
4	Tuesday	Monday
5	As required	Monday
6	As required	Friday

We will try to keep to the above days, but at times things might change.

To best support your child, please hear them read their school books regularly at home. We would recommend that all children from Year R to Year 6 are heard reading out loud daily. As children become more fluent, take the opportunity to discuss with the children what they are reading, to ensure understanding. Please remember that a second read of a book continues to support children's developing fluency. The difference that reading at home can have is huge and is an experience to be enjoyed with your child.

Many thanks.

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