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Dear Parents/guardians,

Home Reading:

On Friday this week, your child will receive their new home-reading books and diaries. These are banded books and the children will work their way up through the bands, as they work through the scheme and their word reading and fluency develops. In their packs they will also have key word bookmarks. The children need to be able to read all of the words on both of these bookmarks speedily to be able to move to the next band in their assessment.

Each week your child will receive two books. The first book is one we have shared in class. Please allow your child to show you how well they can read this book independently. The second book will have some similar characters or themes but they will not have read this before. Please encourage children to use 'special friends, Fred talk, read the word' to help read any unfamiliar words.

Please encourage your child/children to reread these books lots of times. This will develop their fluency each time when reading. You could even use different voices for each character. This skill is vital to progress to higher level books. Pupils are assessed half termly to ensure the books given are appropriate for your child/children. All books given will only include sounds that the children know confidently and speedily.

We ask that your child brings in their home-reading book and diary into school **daily**; this is so that their books are available to read with adults in school. Every **week**, an adult will check and sign your child's diary. They will be given words that they need to practise reading that have been identified during that week's teaching. We ask that you practise these words

with your child as much as possible to help them move forwards. Please can you sign your child's diary every time they read with someone at home.

Reading books will be collected on a Wednesday and returned on a Friday.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs A Royce

(KS1 Phonics and Reading Leader)