

### **NEW READING SCHEME**

Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we have now purchased a new reading scheme which ensures that the reading books that the children bring home are more accurately matched to their reading age/ability based on their phonics understanding.

Reading is a whole school priority whereby we endeavour to ensure all of our children are enthusiastic about reading and develop a reading for pleasure mind-set. As you are aware, reading is about much more than decoding but about developing a deep understanding of comprehension and understanding of what is being read. This is a vital skill for children to learn.

#### **KS1 / EARLY YEARS**

As part of the new scheme children will be given a book to match their reading age/ability to read alongside a book for pleasure. This will be one that the children have chosen. The scheme books will be **changed on a weekly basis** in which time there will be the opportunity to have lots of discussions around the text as well as being able to decode it. Your child will be given a specific day in which to get their book changed.

#### **KS2**

Most children will start KS2 continuing with our school reading scheme. As the children's reading skills develop they will start to choose their own reading book. At this point children will change their book once they have completed it. This will be logged in their own personal reading journal.

#### **IN ALL YEAR GROUPS**

Children are expected to read on a daily basis at home. Whilst we would love to hear children read daily, this is not realistic and reading is approached differently with the children in school by teaching the skills of reading and not just decoding. Decoding and word reading is taught from Reception through to KS1 on a daily basis in the form of phonics lessons which take place daily for 20 minutes. In KS2, the emphasis is on developing comprehending skills, vocabulary development and application of phonetic understanding. We really need to make reading a priority and therefore will be checking reading diaries regularly to check children are reading at home.

Please support your child by encouraging a love of reading. Thank you for your continued support.