



13th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

All children in Y3 have been assessed, using PM benchmarking, to ensure we accurately identify their independent reading levels. We are in the process of PM benchmarking the majority of children in Y4 and those we consider would benefit (as identified by their teachers) in Y5. To ensure that children are then selecting books that are at the appropriate level, we need to colour band all fiction books to correspond with the PM benchmarking colour bands. This will allow children to successfully access the text, whilst offering the right amount of challenge. Although this is a huge task, we feel it will really benefit our pupils in developing their fluency and comprehension skills.

On Wednesday, 25th April all fiction books in school will be taken to the hall during the afternoon. From 3.20pm onwards we need to organise them into reading scheme books and the rest by author (any duplicates of books will be grouped together). We will have tables set up so that all the scheme books will go on one table, A-C books on another, D-F books on another and so on. This will be a big job and we would welcome any help, for as long as you are able to commit, whether 20 minutes or two hours! We will provide child care in a classroom where there will be a film and colouring activities.

On Thursday 26th April, we have an expert in levelling coming into school who will support us in identifying the appropriate book bands for each book. Organising the books into groups in advance will enable us to level a greater number of books. This will help us ensure that they are quickly back in classrooms and children are able to enjoy books at the right level for them.

If you are able to help, please inform your child's Class Parent (see email addresses below) or just turn up at 3.20pm on 25th April 2018, sign in and meet in the hall. Your help will be invaluable!

Regards,

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