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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to share information with you about reading at home. Reading at home is an essential part of your child's development and you play a vital role in nurturing their love of reading. We have made a couple of changes to the books that are sent home from school so this letter provides all the information you need about the books that your child will bring home and how best you can support them.

Books

Phonics books linked to our new phonics scheme 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds' will be sent home with children in Reception and Year 1, and those children receiving continued support with their phonics. These books are fully decodable which means that your child will be able to use the sounds they have learnt in school to read the book to you independently.

Book banded books are also sent home to those children developing their fluency and confidence with reading. As these books are not fully decodable, this is a book to read together so that you can help them with any tricky words if needed.

When a child has progressed through the book bands, they will choose an appropriately pitched book from their classroom library. Again, they may require some help with some of the words but should be able to read most of this independently. We will also provide all children with a free-choice **library book** for you to enjoy together.





Supporting Your Child

- Read at least 3 times per week with your child
- Log your child's reading in their Reading Record
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention.
- Ask your child simple questions as they read to check their understanding
- Use positive language and praise their reading efforts
- Read to your child as part of your evening routine. This builds vocabulary, feeds imagination and can even improve sleep patterns
- Ask them about books/ stories they are reading at school (your child's class books are recorded in their Reading Record)

On our website, under the Reading section, you will find information on our new school phonics scheme, Unlocking Letters and Sounds, and more detailed guidance on Book Bands.

If you would like more information about how Phonics is taught at Paddox, please attend one of our upcoming phonics workshops for parents:

Reception Parents Phonics Workshop – Tuesday 11th October, 2.40pm.

Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop – Thursday 13th October, 2.40pm.

We will also be holding workshops about reading at home for all parents. **More details to come on this soon.**

I hope you find this useful but if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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