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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes we are making to the school reading scheme.

We are currently reviewing the books that we are using both in school and as home readers to ensure that they are the best resources for teaching your children to read.

We have recently invested in some new books which are from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. Your children will be starting to bring these home during this week. We feel that using one scheme whilst the children are in the early stages of learning to read will help them to develop their use of reading strategies and understanding of simple stories.

These books are colour coded in a different way to the current school system, therefore your child may be bringing home a book with a different coloured sticker to their usual book. Please do not worry about this, your child has been put on an appropriate book level and will be guided to choose from a selection of appropriate books.

Please continue to support your child by reading with them daily at home and talking about their reading. Many of the new books have useful questions at the back to give you some ideas of what to ask when your child has finished reading. You may feel that you would like to keep a book for longer than a day in order to have time to focus on these questions as well as the reading of the book.

After Christmas we will be holding a meeting for Year 1 parents to talk more about reading and phonics. The date for this will be given to you shortly.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you about our new Reading Passport scheme. This is to encourage children to read for pleasure and enables the children to select from a wider range of books. When the children have finished reading this book they receive a mark on their passport with the opportunity to travel around the world receiving certificates each time they visit a new country. We hope that you will enjoy sharing these books with your child.

If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher or alternatively I am happy to arrange a time to meet with you.

Thank you for continuing to support your children with their reading at home.

Yours sincerely,

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