



**Reading books in Year 1**

25 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to remind you about the different reading books that your child will be bringing home during the week and offer suggestions as to how you can support your child with their reading.

**Monday** – Your child will be bringing home an **Oxford Reading Tree** book. This is a book for you to share with your child. Your child will be able to read some of the book and will need your help for some of the other, non-decodable words. Whilst these books have coloured stickers children are not restricted to choosing from a particular colour so may bring home a range of different books from this series.



**Wednesday** – Your child will be bringing home a picture book from the book corner. This is a free choice and designed to encourage reading for pleasure so please read this book to your child; encouraging them to make predictions as to what might happen and talk to them about key events and characters in the story.



Your child will also bring home a decodable reading book on another day of the week, this will be dependent on when they have read to the adults in class. This is a book that your child can read to you independently. Please encourage them to use their phonic knowledge to read words and praise them for reading fluently.



As a school we have invested a large sum of money in new reading books to match the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised phonics scheme. Please ensure that once you have read the book at home with your child that it is then sent back to school promptly to allow other children to enjoy it.

If you would like any further information about phonics and early reading at our school please see the video on the school website by following this link <https://www.ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk/curriculum/year1.php>

If you have any further questions please see your child's class teacher or e mail the office, marking your e mail for my attention.

Yours sincerely,

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