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### **Reading and Phonics in Early Years and Class 1**

Dear parent/guardian,

I would like to start by taking this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support in reading with your children at home. Reading very regularly at home has a direct impact on your child's reading ability. In turn, this then impacts on every aspect of school life. Children are more confident and able to access all subjects in the curriculum, as reading plays an important part in all of these.

Please remember the importance of this and try to read with your children every day at home. You can use your child's phonics books, reading for pleasure books and any phonics sounds or words sent home to practise. However, you can also share stories, comics, recipes, shopping lists, magazines or fact books! This will help your child to see the real purpose of reading.

The phonics books your child brings home are specifically tailored to the phonics sounds your child is learning or recapping. Some of you may have noticed that your child is bringing home a book they have previously had, or a book which appears slightly easier. This is because, due to a staffing restructure, and a new employment of an extra teaching assistant to teach and support phonics in Key Stage One, we have been able to put the children into much smaller, tailored groupings for Read, Write, Inc. This means the children are able to be grouped much more specifically as we now have four groups instead of two. This incredibly high staffs to pupil ratio in Key Stage One for phonics is very exciting, and we hope to see even more rapid progress across this half term and next.

We are currently preparing a video, which we will send out to families, to demonstrate how to support your children with reading at home.

We are thrilled that things are finally beginning to go back to normal and we will be offering an in school reading and phonics workshop for parents in September, all being well. The date for this will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 4pm.

In the meantime, remember that you can find lots of detailed information, demonstration videos and explanations about our Read, Write, Inc programme on our school website by following this link [https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/reading\\_at\\_whittingham\\_c\\_of\\_e\\_primary\\_-\\_read\\_write\\_inc\\_phonics/523580](https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/reading_at_whittingham_c_of_e_primary_-_read_write_inc_phonics/523580)

You can also follow various links on this page to further help and advice as well as the previous parental workshops we have shared with families before the pandemic.

Thank you for your on-going support. As always, any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact me or alternatively speak to your child's class teacher.

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