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Dear Parents/Carers

Your child will be bringing a book bag book home this week. It is matched to the colour group they are in for Read Write Inc sessions in school. The more confident they become in this colour, the easier they will find the books to read. We are encouraging the children to still read these books with you at home to build on their accuracy, fluency and expression which are promoted in school as key skills to be a good reader as a 'storyteller'. The book bag books look like this:

In Read Write Inc lessons, we read the same book at least 3 times, the first read is for accuracy, the second to build fluency, the third read to develop their storyteller voice using expression. Please then record in their reading journal. The date, the title of the book and signature is enough. If you wish to make a comment about their reading this is appreciated.

At Willow, we encourage reading 5 times per week – this can be the same story or a selection of books they wish to read. This does not mean you have to read the whole book with your child in one sitting, they may need to read a few pages and come back to it another day. This is acceptable, but please record each date you read in their journal.

Your child will also bring home a 'paper book' which matches the book they have read in school at least 3 times. This again matches their colour group but they will be more confident readers with these as they have had time to practice reading this book in school. This paper book will be changed for the next book so please return to school like the book bag book. If you listen to your child read this paper book, please record in their reading journal.

At Willow, we aspire for all our children to have a love of reading, which means if they wish to read any books they have at home, or simply share a story that you read to them we would like you to record this in their reading journal. It is showing the staff in school the types of books they enjoy reading or listening to.

Changing of reading books

We have amended how we will be changing reading books in school, class teachers will do this on a weekly basis on one set day per week.

Year one books will be changed on a Thursday

Year two books will be changed on a Wednesday

Please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding reading. Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Mrs Ostle

Early Reading and Phonics Lead



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