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Dear parents,

We have recently been reviewing reading books at our school and we are making some exciting changes for next year.

The Department for Education have updated their reading framework which states that our phonics books should match the sounds that the children have been taught in the class so that the children can decode the books independently. Therefore, from next year, the Monster Phonics books will only be released in stages, after the children have been taught all of the sounds. This may seem to slow the progress through the books to you. However, it is important that children know the sounds that they will encounter in the books before they try to read it independently. We also recommend reading the books more than once, as this will help your child to read fluently and practice the sounds more regularly.

We have also created a list of “Reading for Pleasure” books that the children can access as independent readers. This list has 120 books for the Starlings class, 100 books for Kingfishers and 100 books for Owls.

Children in Key Stage 1 will choose these books as Shared Reading Books over a two year period. They will bring these books home to share with you. They may not be able to read these books independently, but they are great books to read together.

For Key Stage children 2, the expectation is that over a two year period they will choose their independent reading books from these lists and tick them off. This will allow us to ensure your children are reading good quality texts that are age appropriate. In many cases, we will introduce the children to a first book in a series which they may wish to continue reading. We aim to enable your children to access these follow on books in the library, but we may not always have them available. We will celebrate children’s progress through their lists in 25 book stages with Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

We have lots of these books in school, but we are missing some of them. We will continue to buy them over time so that they are available for your children.



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If you are able to support us in purchasing these wonderful new books, we have created an Amazon wish list, which can be accessed here:


<https://amzn.eu/055ISHlq>

We have attached the book lists to this letter so that you can see the texts we will be sharing with the children.

We are planning to hold a parents meeting about reading at the start of the next school year, and more information will be shared with you closer to the time.

We hope you see this as an exciting opportunity share some wonderful books with your children!

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricky Emms', written in a cursive style.

Ricky Emms
Head teacher