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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading Books

To support your child to develop their reading, they will be issued with a Read Write Inc. Reading Book. Read Write Inc. (RWI), as you may remember from EYFS, is the scheme we follow to teach children phonics and reading. The books your child brings home will be specifically chosen to match their reading ability.

You can support your child by taking the following steps:

1. Encouraging them to read little and often – 5 mins a day is better than 30 mins once a week.
2. Recording the book and when it is read in your child's reading diary.
3. Asking them questions about what they are reading – using the ideas on the back of this letter.

Reading at home will make a huge difference to your child's success.

The reading books are brand new, and we would appreciate your support in teaching the children the importance of treating them with respect. Please do not allow younger brothers or sisters (or anyone else) to play with these books.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Hooper
RWI Reading Leader

Questions to ask your child when reading - Key Stage 1

Before reading the book:

- Can you point to the title? or What is this? (pointing to the title)
- What do you think this story will be about? What might happen in the story?
- What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (Blurb) or What does the blurb tell us?

During the reading of the book:

- What is happening in the pictures?
- What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?
- What might happen next? How do you think the story might end?
- What sort of character is....? Is he/she friendly/ mean/ nice...?

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At the end of the book:

- Did you like this book? Why? (Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons)
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- What was the most interesting/ exciting part of the book? Can you find it?
- What sort of character was....?
- Why did that character do ... (give a situation/ event from the story)?
- What happened in the story?

