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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you and your family.

We are very pleased to have received some new reading books to enhance our current reading scheme. These will aid the learning of phonic sounds and the skills of blending and segmenting which will help children to read and decode words. However, this means we need to collect in all our current books from Bands A to F in so we can reorganise and add new labels. Therefore, the children will not bring home a reading book this week but will continue with the sounds and words in their tin, if applicable.

Below is a link to online reading material, should you wish to use this in the interim:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Please continue to share books with your child at home, making sure you talk about them as it is just as important as reading the words. Discussing a story or a book with your child helps your child understand it and connect it to his or her own experience of life. It also helps enrich your child's vocabulary with new words and phrases. Here are some ways to help your child acquire skills in comprehension, reasoning, and critical thinking:

- Ask your child about the kinds of books he or she would like to read;
- Talk to your child about your favourite books from childhood and offer to read them;
- Encourage your child to ask questions and to comment on the story and pictures in a book - before, during, and after reading it;
- Look at the cover and the title of a book with your child and ask your child what he or she thinks might happen in the story;
- Think out loud about the story as you read and encourage your child to do the same. For example, ask, "Does this make sense? Why or why not?";
- Give your child time to think about the story and then ask him or her about it again a few days later.

We appreciate your support with this matter and look forward to your children using the new books, alongside our existing reading material, from Monday 10th January.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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