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Improving As One

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and welcome back to school!

Over the next couple of weeks, your child will come home with a new reading record and new reading books. If your child is in KS1 they will have one book that follows our current phonics scheme 'Letter and Sounds'. These Floppy's phonics books will focus on the phonics phase your child is working within. They are fully decodable phonics books. The second book is from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. These books focus on the high frequency words and first patterns and sentences.

For children who are becoming more confident readers, they will be given a book from the Oxford Reading scheme. The colour band and list of books your child is on, will be attached to the front of your child's reading record.

Supporting your child at home

Spend time looking at the front cover of the book. Inside the cover is advice for parents which includes new vocabulary that your child might need to read and understand before reading the book. There are also comprehension questions you can ask your child whilst reading, to check for understanding.

We would encourage you to re-read each book with younger children. There are lots of benefits for your child to read books more than once; they build understanding of the story, start to remember tricky words by sight and they can become more fluent at segmenting and blending new words.

Children in year 1 will also find attached a phonics word mat. It is important to practise reading the letter sounds and tricky words with your child. This will help your child become more confident using and recognising the digraphs (2 letter sounds) and trigraphs (3 letter sounds) when segmenting and blending.

Reading awards

At the back of your reading record are reading awards that your child can achieve – Bronze, Silver, Gold and an Outstanding award. When you listen to your child read, please record the book and date each time. Adults in school will also do this when your child reads in school.



Please note that only **one** read a day will be counted for the rewards.

Recommended Reading books

Each year group will shortly receive a copy of recommended reading book list. This is a selection of books that we currently have in our school library.

Teachers will now be able to take their class to the library, and your child will then be able to bring home a book to read for pleasure. You can also view all books in the library via the school website. <https://www.winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk/juniorlibrarian>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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