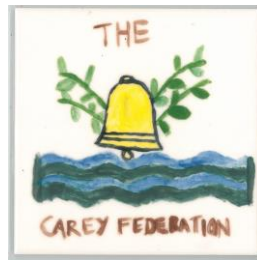


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Dear Parents,

Re: Change of Read, Write, Inc. phonic books this Friday or Monday

We very much hope that all is well with you.

The children in Class 1 and Class 2 and many of the children in Class 3 (especially Year 3) are currently part of our 'Read, Write, Inc.' phonics scheme which began in the school in September.

The Scheme has been a big commitment of time and resource for the school but it comes with a great many recommendations and is deemed very worthy as it covers many aspects of learning to read and write fluently; from handwriting, spelling, comprehension, grammar, creative writing, to name a few. It is a very prescriptive scheme requiring regular input and practise of different elements to achieve this fluency. We hope you observed a strengthening of your child's skills and confidence last term.

We feel that continuing the Read, Write, Inc. scheme is so important to your child's development. With this in mind, we write to you for two reasons. Firstly, we are very much aware that time and routine are not necessarily easy to come by at this challenging time with so many emotional and physical demands to try to manage. So, if you are struggling to fit other set tasks in, please prioritise 'Read, Write, Inc. tasks.' Many of the school team are working hard to set tailored work (often sent directly to Dojo profiles) and the Read, Write, Inc. books have a great deal of instruction within them, so do please have a go at these books and their activities as often as you can. It would be helpful too if you post a short Dojo message e.g. 'Daily phonics task complete' or flag if further guidance is needed so that we can adapt our planning appropriately.

Secondly, each child on the programme started lockdown with at least three 'Read, Write, Inc. books'. The children in Class 2 and 3 are working on a book a week so we are suggesting a change of these books in the coming days, even if these books have not been fully used. We propose that on **Friday 29th January (tomorrow) and on Monday 1st February** that a system, much like the one when you collected resources, is set up on tables outside the school so that 'Read, Write, Inc. books' can be dropped off and a new group of books taken in readiness for next week. For Class 1 children we can take in all school reading books and will put out a new set for each child. For the small group of year 3 children with 4 weeks of books, please return the first three and collect some new ones for subsequent weeks.

If your first set of lockdown books were sent in a named plastic folder, please return the whole folder so that we can easily identify who the books are from. For Class 1 children, we ask that you put all returning books into a named bag or envelope etc. and take a new set. We respectfully ask that you observe health and safety guidelines at the book exchange which will take place this Friday between 10.00a.m. and 3.00p.m. and next Monday between 10.00a.m. and 3.00p.m.

This exchange point could be an opportunity to collect other resources to support home learning so contact your class teachers if you feel that we could help with this.

As ever, with our very best wishes,

Laura Beer on behalf of the Halwill Teaching Staff

