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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading in Key Stage 1

In previous years we have worked on a reading trial to develop children's reading within Key Stage 1. The approach was very successful and enhanced the children's confidence and fluency when reading.

Now that the children have settled back into life at school, we would like to introduce these scheme again; we aim to start this as the new term begins in January.

Every Wednesday your child will receive two books to read at home. Each book will have a different focus. One book will be a 'Listen to me book' where your child should be able to read the book independently and recognise the majority of the words within the text, using a fluent voice (needing little help or support). This book may also be a picture book where you can discuss the story together. The second book will be a 'Read with me book' where your child will need to have an adult sit with them to read. This book will be slightly more challenging and your child may need more support with recognising some words, as well as practising fluency. Each book will have a bookmark inside to help you understand what to expect when reading the particular book.

Children will receive both books on the scheme until they reach Turquoise level. Beyond this level books increase in length and the focus becomes more on their understanding and comprehension. If you child reads pink, red, yellow, blue, green or orange they will be receiving two books.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could note any observations or details about each book in the reading diary. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards

Miss Brown Key Stage 1 Leader