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Reading in Beech Class has changed!

Dear Parents

We have had a bit of a change around in Beech Class. Some of you may have noticed that your child has come home with a reading book with a different coloured sticker than they had before. This is because we are in the process of re 'banding' all our home readers. This is to enable us to add new books to the existing ones that are more in line with the children's independent decoding (phonic) skills. We are also removing those that have seen better days! Your child can change these books as often as they like. They know they just need to put them into the book box in class.

In addition, your child will bring home a Read, Write, Inc (RWInc) book once a fortnight. They will have read all (or some) of it in school already as a guided read. These are books that are phonetically decodable for your child at their level. There are just a few 'red' words which are not phonetically decodable, which the books highlight before you start to read. Please re-read these with your child at home to build up his/her fluency in reading. The idea is that they should end up being able to read them without needing an adult. There are also words to practise speed reading as well as questions to answer verbally. PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE BOOKS ARE RETURNED TO SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING WEEK. So if your child brings home a book on Monday, keep it for a week and return it the following Monday. If books are not returned we will not have enough for other groups to use at a later date and we will not be able to match books so accurately.

As we are having a real focus on reading and building fluency, please can your child bring their reading books and reading record to school everyday – even if they don't need to change them. This also means we can keep communicating with you about how well they are doing.

We hope to have an information session after half term to explain things in more detail but please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions before then.

Thank you for your support with these changes.

Happy reading!

Mrs Sarah Le Fevre

