

## KS1 Reading: September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The updated guidance from OFSTED includes a particularly strong emphasis on teaching reading in a systematic and structured way. We are mindful that the children will all be at varying stages in terms of their phonic knowledge and therefore, we want to ensure that we can provide opportunities for children to read books that are closely matched to the phonics that they are focusing upon within school as appropriate.

### Phonic Books

Your child will initially be given a phonic book twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays based upon the phonics that they have been learning in class. Please remember to sign their reading record when you hear them read, so they can work towards their reading awards.

We will be completing regular phonic assessments in line with the Twinkl Phonic Programme. This will inform the level phonic book that your child will receive. When your child has completed all of the phonic assessments and can confidently apply this knowledge, they will then be moved onto a colour banded book starting from 'Orange' as part of our school's reading benchmarking system. Please note that if your child is currently reading an 'Orange' book or above, then they will continue to read from our colour banded books, which can be put in for changing when they have finished reading them.

Please see the next page for guidance regarding the progression of reading colours according to our school's benchmarking system. Our end of year expected reading standards are 'Turquoise' for Year 1 and 'White' for Year 2.

Reading Colour Progression
Level 2
Level 3
Level 4
Level 5
Orange
Turquoise
Purple
Gold
White
Emerald
Ruby
Sapphire

The page is framed by a vibrant border of cartoon children of various ethnicities and ages, all happily reading books. The books are in various colors like blue, green, purple, orange, and yellow. The children are depicted from the chest up, holding their books open.

### Reading for Pleasure

We look forward to supporting your child with developing their reading for pleasure this year and with making further reading progress. The children will be given opportunities to visit the school library and to share high-quality texts in class.

Look out for our small pop-up libraries coming soon outside our classrooms. Please feel free to borrow a book or two from these, and return them when you have finished. We would be very grateful for any book donations to enhance and broaden our collections.

If you are interested in finding further ideas for helping your child engage with their reading at home, please refer to our 'English' area on our school website. This can be found by following the 'Parent+' link and 'Curriculum' tab.

Best wishes,

KS1 Teachers