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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Reading books

We have recently purchased some new books to support children learning to read using phonics (letters and the sounds that they make). We will now start sending these books home to you.

In our Reception class (F2), children will have three books that they will take home:

- A decodable phonics book that **your child can read to you**;
- A book-banded book (Pink, Red or Yellow) that includes some unknown words, but will help develop vocabulary and understanding of English grammar **that your child can share-read with you**;
- A library book that is a well-known story or traditional tale that will help them understand some of the main stories that children learn early in life. Some of these stories may be very similar to stories the children have been told in their home language by you. These books can be changed each Wednesday and **should be read to the children by you**.

In addition to these books, there are many Bug Club books that your child can read online at home and then answer questions about. **Please make sure that your child is reading every day – this is one of the most important things that you can do to help your child get off to a good start in school.**

It is also important that the phonics book and the book-banded book come back to school every day in your child's book bag so that we can do extra reading at school. Children need to read the same book several times to become really familiar and confident and so your child's books will be changed once a week.

The books we send are expensive to replace and so we will ask you to pay £5.00 to replace any lost or damaged books.

If you have any questions about books or reading at home, please come to in to talk to me or to your child's teachers.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Gray
(Headteacher)

Re: Lost or damaged books

Name of child: _____

I understand that I will need to pay £5.00 for any book that is lost or damaged.

Name of parent/carer: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____