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Dear Parents/ 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 Year 1 class, children will have two books that they will take home: (in addition to books borrowed from the library at Zest).

- A decodable phonics book **that your child can read to you**; this book will be read with your child at school and practised at home.
- A book-banded book (Blue, Green, Orange or Turquoise) that includes some unknown words, but will help develop vocabulary and understanding of English grammar **that your child can share-read with 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 everyday – 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 in to talk to your child's teachers or me.

Ms Shaw is holding a short meeting on Tuesday 14th January at 9.00am to explain further and inform you about what your child will be learning this term.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Gray
Headteacher

