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Dear Parents

New Home Reading system.

From Monday your child will be bringing home one of the new Rhino reading books to share with you at home. These books are bright, engaging and colourful and are written to closely match the phonics learning your child has been taking part in at school.

The layout of the books is designed to help you support your child when reading together and it is important to follow the steps carefully. After looking at the front cover and title and talking about the possible contents by discussing the 'blurb' on the back cover, please take a little time to work through the first couple of pages.

- Firstly, you will find the sounds that your child has been taught – your child should be able to tell you the sounds or point to a sound as you say it.
- On the following page there is a list of focus words – these words can be 'sounded out' and then the sounds 'blended' together to read the word. You should encourage your child to do this if they need to. Some may recognise the word as a whole and therefore will not need to 'sound out.'
- As the levels progress you will see another list of words on this page. These are the 'common exception words' that will be used in the book. These are words the children cannot sound out and just need to be learnt. It is a good idea to take time to read and repeat these words noticing any your child finds particularly challenging so that you can revisit them regularly. On this page and throughout the book these words are written in a purple/red colour to help your child spot that they are the 'tricky' words.
- After spending time on the sounds and words, please enjoy the rest of the book together. At the end you will find a page titled 'After reading.' This page will give you questions and activities to complete with your child to help consolidate their understanding of what they have read.
- It is really helpful if you can share the book again on another occasion/the next day following the same steps.
- Please can you sign and write a comment to show that you have read the book sent home with your child so that it can be changed. In years 1 and 2 books will be changed on Mondays and Wednesdays and they will continue to bring home their paper 'minibook' on Fridays. In EYFS the books will be changed every Monday. These books are new and we have a limited number so we would really appreciate your help in making sure they are looked after and returned on the appropriate days.

Yours sincerely

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