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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all the positive feedback you have given to us regarding the introduction of our Read Write Inc phonics scheme (RWI). We started RWI in October last year and have seen children responding very well to the new scheme.

Last week, all children in Reception, Year 1 and children in Year 2 who are still accessing RWI were assessed. This means that, from this week, children will be regrouped and they may receive a different coloured RWI book and change their book on a different day. The book they receive will be one they have read with their teacher over a set number of days.

Please trust your child's teacher to choose the book(s) that will help your child the most.

Help your child to sound out the letters in words and then to 'push' the sounds together to make a whole word. Try not to refer to the letters by their names. Help your child to focus on the pure sounds. You can hear how to say the sounds correctly at this link: <https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/?lg=1&slide=2>

Sometimes your child might bring home a picture book that they know well. Please use this as an opportunity to encourage your child to tell you the story out loud; ask them questions about things that happen or what they think about some of the characters in the story. By reading the same book over a number of days, children will become more confident readers and be able to start to recognise words by sight instead of 'fred talking' them.

We know parents and carers are very busy people, but if you can find time to read to your child as much as possible, it helps him or her to learn about books and stories. They also learn new words and what they mean. Show that you are interested in reading yourself and talk about reading as a family. You can find out about good stories to read to your child here: <https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

After half term, teachers will be uploading videos of sounds or words your child has been taught that week. These will be uploaded weekly onto Teams. Please watch the videos with your child at home to help them with their reading.

Can we remind you that RWI books and reading records need to be in school every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

Miss Swann

RWI lead