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Dear Parents and Carers

Next week, your child will be bringing a reading book home which will be exchanged on a weekly basis. Please check your child's class communications via Tapestry for Year R and Teams for Years 1 and 2 for these arrangements as each year group will differ slightly. Year groups may have one set day for returning books for their whole class and other year groups may opt for one reading group returning their books on each day of the week.

Book bags will still not be required on site. Instead, each child will be issued with 2 zippy wallets: one wallet has a blue band and the other has an orange band. The wallets will be alternated each week to allow for the reading packs to go into quarantine for the appropriate amount of time. For this reason, it is very important that you check your child's schedule for returning the reading packs on **the allocated day** as this will be the only day that books will be coming into school for your class.

As you are aware, many of our reading books are organised into colour bands depending on a child's reading fluency and comprehension skills. However, there are many reasons why a text is chosen to practise reading at home. Sometimes a book is chosen which may appear "easy". We like to call these "speedy reads". Your child will have a book from a lower fluency book band when we are focusing on reading with greater expression and comprehension skills. Your child will have a reading book from a higher reading fluency book band when the focus is on **reading together** at home as the book links in with the year group's learning theme or boosts vocabulary development.



Reading together as a shared activity is important both at home and at school. The discussions about the story or information, the new words that have been discovered and our likes or dislikes all combine to create a rich reading experience. In addition to the reading books which will be sent home, your child will continue to participate in whole class, guided group and individual reading activities. We hope you enjoy sharing the books with your child.

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English Lead

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