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Dear Parents,

Your child has come home today with a new look reading folder. Your child needs to practice reading the books **each night** and return the two books in their reading folder **<u>EVERYDAY</u>**.

The books sent home will be familiar to the children. One book will be a book that the teacher has guided them through and the other book will be one that they have previously read and reselected as a favourite.

The books will change when the teacher reads with your child (approximately once/ twice a week).

We know that it is important that the children read books that are familiar over and over again to practice reading fluently, which means that reading sounds smooth, not robotic. Reading should sound like talking, with expression and intonation. Children need to practice familiar books many times before their reading sounds quick, expressive and like spoken language.

Good fluency leads to good comprehension and greater confidence.

Reading should be fun!

Thank you in advance for your continued partnership and look forward to working with you on this reading journey!

If your child loses a book or does not return it in a timely manner, there will be a \$10 fee to replace each book as these are part of a set and we will need to replace the whole set.

Yours in education

Year 1 Teachers