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Dear Parent,

As part of our commitment to delivering an enriching educational experience for our students, we are transitioning from working through a book banded / coloured book reading scheme, to focus more on reading a wide range of books for pleasure.

Encouraging children to read for pleasure is a crucial aspect of their literary development. Rather than simply assigning books based on their banded levels, we want to shift the emphasis towards sharing texts that the children specifically read with an adult, fostering meaningful discussions about them with you, their parents. By doing so, we aim to promote a genuine love for reading and cultivate a deeper appreciation for literature. This also allows for parents and children to have open discussions about the texts being shared, and to develop their comprehension skills too. Your child will have the opportunity to bring home a range of genres, they will alternate between fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

The new reading framework explains the pivotal role of reading for pleasure in children's education. It emphasises the value of engaging with a diverse range of texts and the positive impact that this can have on their overall literacy skills.

Children in KS2, will continue on a reading pathway suitable to their ability. They will either become a 'free reader' which means they take books home that continue to develop their reading confidence, fluency, comprehension and prosody skills alongside a reading for pleasure book or, your child will bring two reading for pleasure books home.

This assessment and decision is made by your child's class teacher and is based on:

- a pupil's reading at home and their reading record,
- observations in school during guided reading lessons or when hearing them read,
- the best way to continue to develop a child's reading skills.

We would remind you of the importance of listening to your child read regularly and engaging with their interests, asking questions and supporting them in embracing the love of reading.

It is important to note that Unlocking Letters and Sounds phonics books will continue to be used for those who require them in Key Stage 2.

We know what a significant role you play in developing your child's reading skills, and appreciate your support as always. Should you have any questions or require further guidance on how to best engage in reading for pleasure with your child, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,

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