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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today your child has come home with their first school reading book. Reading books will be sent home on a Monday and collected back in on Friday. Bug club will be available for your child to access over the weekend. Please can you ensure that the reading books are returned each Friday to allow this to happen. These books will then be quarantined over the weekend before being handed back on the following Monday in line with the current government guidelines.

We have sent home wordless books for you to share in the first instance. We use these books to help develop a love of reading and stories. Picture books can be a powerful way of learning new vocabulary, such as 'enormous', 'pollution', 'magnificent', and using story language such as 'once upon a time...', 'In a little while...', 'in the deep dark ...', without the children having to concentrate on the technical reading skills that they will develop in the weeks to come. To aid this process you could help your child by asking them to:

- Locate the front and back covers of the book
- Identify the author and illustrator
- Share what they think the book will be about and at various points, what might happen next and why?
- share experiences they have that relate to the book content
- hold the book independently and turn the pages
- 'read' the left page first before then reading the right

Encourage your child to orally tell the story or share facts with added detail, asking them how and why questions. When they have finished the book, they could summarise it and provide comments as to whether they enjoyed it or not.

Your child has also been issued with a reading record. Please use this record to write any comments about your child's reading such as how they enjoyed the story, any links they made or level of support. Please aim to read with your child for 5 mins each night.

An adult will hear your child at least once a week in school, this will be reflected in their reading record with a stamp (the stamp is to minimise our contact with your book that travels to and from home). Please could you ensure that your child's reading books are sent to school each day in their book bags to enable this to take place.

Each child has also been set a login for Bug Club. Their username and password are in the front of their reading record. If you encounter any problems please contact us on curriculumsupport.richardwakefield@deferrerstrust.com and a member of staff will be in contact with you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes,
The Early Years Staff

