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Dear Parents/Carer,

Here at The Acorns, we understand the importance of our children not only learning to read but also developing a lifelong love of reading from an early age. We use a robust systematic synthetic phonics scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to deliver our main phonics teaching.

Your child will be bringing two different reading books home each week. One is a fully decodable book that is matched to their current phonics ability and only contains sounds and tricky words that they know. They should be able to read this book independently and with high accuracy levels. The other book is a quality story book to share with an adult. This book is not matched to phonics but contains lots of rich language and lovely story themes to discuss. Your child will need you to help them to read this book as some words and vocabulary will go beyond their phonics knowledge. They will both be clearly labelled on their front cover.

These books will be changed weekly providing that weeks' books have been returned. Unfortunately, if the books are not returned, no further books will be sent home until they do. Children will still read in class but will not get the opportunity to share a wider range of texts with you and get the repeated practise needed at home to build up confidence, fluency and accuracy. If a phonics book or story book is lost, we please ask that a £2 donation is given to school to go towards purchasing a replacement book, most of which are £5+ for school to buy.

I hope that you enjoy sharing these stories with your children at home and helping them on their early reading journeys. If you wish to discuss phonics further, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brooks
Phonics and Early Reading Lead