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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to inform you that over the past few weeks, we have been undergoing changes to our Phonics programme. As a school, we are now moving away from FFT Success for All Phonics and will instead be delivering our phonics sessions through **Read Write Inc**, a very popular and successful literacy programme that will teach your child to read, write and spell.

Read Write Inc has begun in school this week, with each child being allocated their group and new Read Write Inc teacher. These groups are likely to change each half term, after a small assessment to check that they are progressing well and ready to move on. If we have any concerns regarding your child`s progress in Read Write Inc, we will be sure to let you know.

Over the next 4 weeks, your child will be taught a `Speed Sounds Lesson` daily. This will include learning a newly taught sound, reading and writing words containing these sounds and reviewing words containing sounds they have previously learnt. During these 4 weeks, your child will continue to bring home books from alternative phonics programmes to read, that are best matched to your child`s reading ability. These books will be changed each Wednesday.

After February half term, these Read Write Inc sessions will extend to include both the `Speed Sounds Lesson`, followed by a `Storybook Lesson`, where they will be reading books that are closely matched to the sounds they have been taught. From this, your child will start to bring home a black and white copy of the **Read Write Inc Storybook** they have been reading in class, alongside a new **book bag book** that will closely correspond to this storybook. The children will then apply the skills taught in lessons, to read this new text independently to you at home. We would greatly appreciate your care in using these books and returning them to us undamaged. Unfortunately, due to the cost of these new books, any books that are not returned to us, may be asked to pay for. Books will continue to be changed each Wednesday. Once children have completed the Read Write Inc programme, they will move onto the Accelerated Reader programme.

Over the next few days, you will find more information regarding the change to our phonics programme on our school website; Home >> Key information >> Curriculum >> Curriculum subjects >> English, along with some useful documents produced by Read Write Inc, to support you and your child at home. I cannot stress enough how valuable your support is in the progress of your child`s journey to becoming a reader - reading at home really does make ALL the difference!

If you have any questions regarding our new phonics programme, please don`t hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Miss Laskey



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