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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to introduce our Phonic Scheme 'Read,Write, Inc, which we use throughout Early Years and Key Stage 1 to teach children to read. This letter will give you some information about what you can expect your child to be taught in Reception, as they begin the first stage of their journey to learn to read.

Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we want to make sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible. We want your child to love reading and to want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

'Read, Write, Inc' is a very established scheme, which offers the children the best possible chance to make good progress in their reading development. In our last inspection, OFSTED commented on how 'Read, Write, Inc' has been embedded to teach early reading and the positive impact it has had on children's progress across Early Years and Key Stage One.

To explain our phonics scheme in more detail, I would like to invite you to a **Parent Information Meeting on Friday 3rd October at 9.30am in Toad Hall**.

We have already begun teaching phonics to children in Reception and this week we will begin to learn one sound a day; recognising the letter by the sound, writing the letter correctly and oral blending words (breaking a word into sounds *d-o-g*) to help us to move on to reading and writing of words later on.

Before we begin sending home reading books we want the children to confidently recognise a number of sounds and be able to read simple words by blending the sounds together. We only send books home that are fully decodable for the children and contain sounds that the children know. For this half term, we will be sending home sound practise sheets. Each sheet contains a sound that we have already taught in school. Please use the sheets to help your child practise the sounds at home by saying the sounds correctly and writing them with the correct letter formation. It is important that your child recognises the letters by the sound and not the letter name. They should be able to write the letter to match the sound correct.

Sound sheets will be sent home on Friday with sounds that we have learnt that week. You will get up to five sound sheets which your child can complete over the following week at home. This will start on Friday 19th September.

Each week, we will use MCAS to post links of short videos that your child can watch at home to practise the sounds taught at school. It is important that your child watches these videos, as this will embed learning taught in school and help to accelerate their reading progress.

Videos will be sent on school ping every Friday for your child to watch over the following week at home. These will be sent home from Friday 26th September.

The following videos offer advice and support on how you can help your child practise learning the sounds at home:

https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/search-resources/?search_term=parent

Reading for Pleasure

We are so fortunate to have access to a broad range of high quality books within our school. We want pupils to enjoy sharing and listening to picture books; wordless picture books, poetry, traditional tales, graphic novels, fiction and non-fiction at home. Whilst their 'Read, Write, Inc' story book will help develop fluency, decoding and understanding, Ofsted recognise that it is very important that they have a broad and rich literary diet. All children will choose a picture book from our class libraries every Friday . Pupils are not expected to be able to read this at home, instead this is a book for you to read to, and share with them. Please use this picture book as part of your reading routine at home; showing that you value reading, and having enjoyable reading experiences, will help nurture your child's love of reading.

The first book 'Reading for Pleasure' book will come home on Friday 19th September. Please return books every Friday so your child can choose a new book to keep for a week.

We hope that you enjoy being part of your child's reading journey and supporting them to make good progress in phonics. If you have any questions or need support, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact me via the school email.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rhian Davey

Phonics Lead and Acting Deputy Headteacher