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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Spurcroft, reading is an incredibly important part of our curriculum. We want to support each and every child to develop as independent and engaged readers, who read widely and for pleasure.

We know that children's reading progress is hugely accelerated if they practise their reading regularly at home. We see children make the most progress in their reading when they read at least five times per week.

It is important that children read books that are of the correct level to their reading stage. This allows them to read all words by decoding the words independently (blending the known sounds together) and to read with speed and accuracy.

Children working on the 'Read, Write,Inc' scheme, will bring home a 'Book Bag Book' every three days or every five days (yellow, blue and grey stage). The books contains words that are fully decodable because they confidently know all the sounds in all the words. They **should** be able to read these books with speed and accuracy. To develop fluency, children should read the same book every night until a new book is issued.

In addition to the 'Book Bag Books' we would also like the children to read a book from 'Oxford Owl'. This is an online educational resource that allows children to access e-books at home. Phonics teachers will set a book every three days (five for yellow, blue amd grey stage) for your child to read at home. This book is the storybook that they have been reading at school over several days. They **should** be able to read the with speed and accuracy.

To access the Storybooks, please visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk. Log in using your child's unique username and password, to access the specific storybook that has been set for your child.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are having difficulty logging into 'Oxford Owl' or navigating around the website. If you need your child's log in details, please speak to their class teacher or email the school office and we will send home a copy.

Kind regards,

Mrs Davey
Early Reading Lead and Acting Deputy Headteacher