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Book Bands for the year 2022-2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We introduced book bands into KS2 in 2020 and have found that some of our books are a little out of date. For this reason, we have made a few changes. This might mean that your child is on a different level to the one they were in previous years. As we focus on building good readers who can understand what they read and make inferences about what is happening, we have needed to make these changes. Being able to decode books is great but being able to understand books is where the magic happens.

As you sit and read with your children, please ask them questions. What is going on? Who is the best character? What could happen next? And WHY? Asking children Why? Really helps challenge them.

It is our hope that you will find time everyday to read at home with your children, if this is recorded 3 times in their reading diaries, they can even achieve pin badges to celebrate termly milestones.

We hope these changes will make reading more fun and engaging for everyone.

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield

Head Teacher