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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, we are in the process of revising and updating the early reading provision for our pupils.

In school, your child reads a Phonics Read Write Inc Class Book three times per week and they are also given this book to read at home to build their confidence and fluency. In addition to this, we have recently purchased new 'Book Bag Books' that correspond to your child's Phonics Read Write Inc Class Book and can be taken home. Both books will have a similar theme and the same phonic sounds to reinforce the sounds they are learning within their class groups. For example, the 'Book Bag Book' *Red Hat Rob* builds on the Phonics Read Write Inc Class Book, *Black Hat Bob*. As a result, they will be even more aligned to the stage that your child is reading at.

The Book Bag Book is an opportunity for your child to 'show off' their fluent and confident reading of the sounds they have been working on in that week. It is expected to be accessible and easily read by your child.

Your child will be receiving their new Book Bag Book by the end of next week. The book will be changed weekly on a set day by the teacher of their phonics group.

Your child will continue to select a 'Free Choice' book that you could read together.

In summary, your child will receive:

- A Book Bag Book (linked to class phonics book)
- The Phonics Read Write Inc Class Book
- Free Choice pleasure book (not a decodable book therefore to be read by an adult to the child)

You will be invited to a meeting this term so that we can explain how we teach reading. Please come so we can share strategies on how you can support your child at home; we would very much like you to know how to help.

Kind regards,

**The Literacy Team**