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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We have recently made some exciting changes and improvements to the way we teach reading at Northbrook Primary Academy. We have successfully introduced the 'Read, Write Inc' phonics programme and recently made changes to the teaching of reading in Key Stage Two.

When your child moves away from the phonic based program and can read fluently (usually in Lower Key Stage Two) they will be able to choose one of our new books from our reading for pleasure library.

We have listened carefully to the opinions and views of the children around our home reading offer. Children expressed how they would like to see a variety of books to read at home and the chance to read up to date books as well as the more traditional 'reading scheme' books. Therefore, we have purchased new age related and recommended books, which will now form part of our home reading provision.

Most of the books are chapter books, so although we know these will take a longer to read at home, we would like the children to **bring their books and records in every day**, as we will listen to children read these in school as often as we can. When children have finished their books, they will be given an opportunity to choose another text from the collection. **There will be no set day for changing books. Adults in school will ask, encourage and remind children to change their book, but we are expecting that children in Key Stage Two will take responsibility for this and know when they have completed a book and it is ready to change.**

We are asking that you continue to listen to your child read and that you do record this, by signing it as you currently do. **It is expected that children read a minimum of four times a week.** Children will be rewarded with dojo points for our whole school reading reward system and each class has their own reading reward system in place also. Details of individual year group reading rewards will be shared on SeeSaw by the end of the week.

As part of teaching a love for reading, it is important that the children are respectful to their books and we ask that you support this by returning the books to school in good condition. The aim is that every child will have the opportunity to take home a variety of books to enjoy. It is therefore **essential** that all books are returned and kept in a good condition ready for exchange.



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As you can appreciate, all these new books have come at a cost to school, which we see as an important investment in your child and future generations of our Northbrook family. Therefore, if any of the books are not returned in the condition in which they are sent home, there will be a cost for replacing them. **The charge will be £6 per book.**

Our aim is that all our children become proficient readers, developing a love of books and reading. Research has proven that continual and consistent practice of reading is essential and we ask that you continue to support your child at home on their reading journey.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Spence

English Subject Leader