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Head of School Mrs S Sullivan

Dear Parents / Carers

Reading scheme at Kingsnorth School

The school became an English Hub in 2018 and as a result we are constantly trying to improve the provision for reading within the school. Therefore at the start of your child's reading journey they came home with a picture book for you to read to them each night. We provided you with a reading grid, which contained tasks that help develop their pre-reading skills.

The Ofsted recommendation is that when children are learning to read the reading books should be '**decodable**' this means that the children should already have the phonic knowledge to read **all** words independently and the books should not contain sounds that the children have not been taught.

Therefore, we have sorted our books into phonic stages in line with how sounds are taught in our phonics programme: Read, Write Inc.

Set 1 books → books containing all the single letter sounds plus ch, ng, nk, th, sh, qu,

Set 2 books → books that contain Set 1 sounds as well as the sounds: ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, oo, ar, or, air, ir, oy, ou

Set 3 books → books that contain Set 1 & 2 sounds as well as the sounds: a-e, ea, i-e, o-e, u-e, oi, ai, oa, ew, ire, er, aw, ure, are, ur

We are currently learning Set 1 sounds (see above) and a sheet has been sent home for each sound as the children have learnt them. Links for a video tutorial are also available on our Year R class page on the school website. When your child is able to blend the sounds they have learnt, they will bring home a blending book, enabling them to read simple words. They will then progress to a decodable reading book (see above). During this time your child will still be given the opportunity to take home a quality picture book which you can read with your child maybe as a bedtime story.

Children will have their books changed **3 times per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)**. This allows the children to read (or have the story book read to them) several times which helps to build fluency, confidence and the ability to develop their story teller voice.

Due to the current circumstances we regrettably are unable to hold our usual Parents RWI workshop. However, we have uploaded a PowerPoint onto the Year R class page on the school website. It is located under the heading Read, Write, Inc. It explain how we teach Phonics in school and how you can best support your child at home.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via email.

Mrs Hayward and Miss Gore