



Wednesday 6th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to have our newly restocked library up and running this term! Your child will now be able to spend time choosing from a wide range of high-quality fiction and non-fiction texts to ignite their passion for reading.

### **Levelled reading books or banded books**

Every child will have two independent reading books. One will be matched very closely to their reading fluency level. Your child should be able to read this quite confidently. In reception, year 1 and the beginning of year 2, these books will be from our Little Wandle Phonics scheme. As the children progress through year 2, they will move onto our banded books. These books have a coloured sticker on the spine and again children will be able to read these books, with occasional support, to you at home. These books have been carefully written to support your child's fluency and progress of reading skills.

### **Recommended reads**

Your child's second book will be a quality text, highly recommended for children of their age. Many children may not be able to read this book independently. These books will help foster a love of reading for pleasure and sharing stories with family and friends at home. You will be able to share reading these books with your child, or read this to them for enjoyment. These books are marked with a star sticker on the spine and a star sticker on the front cover.

We are very grateful to our wonderful PTFA who have supported us to purchase some of these books and we have also invested a large amount of money into this area for development in our school. Please ensure all books are well cared for and always returned to school to help us keep our library well-stocked. Teachers will monitor each book as it leaves and is returned. Lost or damaged books will need to be paid for or replaced and invoices will be sent home if necessary.

### **Reading lessons**

As well as their independent reading books from the library, all children will have daily reading lessons in school. Children will explore a whole range of text types as they improve their reading fluency and understanding of the texts. Our next steps are to provide all children with their own copy of the book they are using in their class. We would really appreciate your support with this and have set up wishlists. Please look out for details about these book wishlists coming soon.

Look out also for our termly reading challenges for the children!

Happy reading everyone.

The Staff at FPS