



Delabole Primary School

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Reading Is The Unlocker For Learning.

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach week 5 of this term, we would like to bring you up to date with some Reading information so that you have a clear picture about our Read Write Inc. phonics and reading programme and how best to support your child.

Back in September 2019, we made the decision to switch to this programme as we were so impressed by a visit to Kernow English Hub where we saw it in action. What struck us was the precision of the programme, the wealth of online training for staff and the availability of support for parents. Not only that, but the resourcing of the programme with high quality reading books was really impressive.



It has been a huge – but worthwhile – financial commitment for the school to purchase the full range of resources and training, and we are now ready to deliver this to the children with an absolute ambition to ensure that they swiftly gain the phonic knowledge, accuracy and fluency critical to becoming confident readers. This is because, we know that reading is the 'unlocker' for all other learning and as children make the transition from Year 2 into Year 3, it is a significant factor in their confidence, enjoyment and progress through KS2. For many, it defines their self-image as a learner.

On return to school in September, we have baseline assessed all children, organised groupings which are closely matched to their ability and are ready to send children home with reading books precisely matched to their phonic phase from the end of next week.

Most children will bring home three books every three days. Some will bring them home every 5 days depending on the phonic phase they are on. They will have a RWI Story Book (they will already have practised this three times in class), a RWI Book Bag book which matches the phonics in their Story Book exactly, and of course, a book chosen for pleasure which they can share and enjoy with you.

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We would like to make sure that every child is supported at home with their reading development so that they can share their successes with you and practise their skills. The more they practise at home, the more fluent they will become and the more secure their progress. We know you all want this for your children as much as we do...especially after having missed so much learning this year.

Please help us by reading at home with your child and keeping up the dialogue with your child's Class Teacher by completing the Love Reading Journal. It is imperative that the books are looked after and returned to school in order for us to ensure the children have the resources they need. These books are used in lessons as part of the programme so we cannot have gaps in the sets.

There will be plenty of guidance and support for parents throughout the programme - including signposted links to video tutorials for parents on the RWI website. That said, if you need any help or are worried about anything, please do come and talk to us. We will be delighted to help you. To start off the process, we are sending a RWI booklet linked to your child's phonic phase home with this letter.

Beyond that, we hope that reading with your child will become part of your daily routine and a truly rewarding experience for you.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sue Cox', written in black ink.

Sue Cox and the Delabole team.