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Learning Together for Life

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Dear Parents and Carers

Reading Scheme Books

We hope you are continuing to access reading books on Oxford Owl and are enjoying some of the new reading scheme books we have recently purchased. We are continuing to update our reading resources across the Federation to support your child's reading at home.

To log into Oxford Owl, you need to log into <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> and click on log in for schools. Your child has a username and password for their class which their teacher will be able to tell you. It can also be found in the front of your child's reading diary.

In EYFS and Key Stage One, we endeavour to change your child's reading book twice a week. Please can we ask that you aim to read your child's scheme books with them at least three times to support with retention, particularly with phonics. Research suggests that this also strongly improves fluency. One of your child's books will be linked with the children's phonics teaching for you to practise at home.

When reading a book three times with your child, please use the following structure:

Read 1: Read to your child

Read 2: Your child reads to you

Read 3: Ask questions about the text

Across the school, we will also be encouraging children to bring home a non-scheme book to enjoy reading if they are not doing so already. Please take the opportunity to enjoy reading this book with your child.

We would also like to remind you that you or your child can record any books that they are reading at home, not just the books brought home from school. Your child's teachers always enjoy seeing the range of books and reading material your child is reading.

As ever, we appreciate your support with hearing your child read at home. Throughout this term, please endeavour to record your child's reading four times a week to help them achieve the reading challenge to join in a class reward at the end of term.

If you have any questions regarding reading books or reading in general, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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