



Monday 31st January

Dear parents/carers,

As you are aware, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at Perry Hall Primary School follow the Ruth Miskin's Phonic Scheme, Read Write Inc (RWI). We have been very fortunate to be able to invest in a new reading scheme that will support children in developing fluent and confident decoding skills, as well as an understanding of what they are reading. This reading scheme, called RWI 'Book Bag Books', ensures that the books which your child reads at home directly relate to the sounds (phonics) which they are learning in school.

From Monday 24th January, children will bring home their new books on the day they would normally have their reading book sent home (Reception Thursday and Year 1 and 2 on a Wednesday) and will need to return it to school every Monday. This scheme has cost the school just over £3000 to purchase and therefore, if your child does not return their book to school they will not receive a new book. In order for your child to get the best from this reading scheme, they need to read it to you at least three times.

How do we decide which book your child brings home?

The intention of the Read Write Inc scheme is that the reading, both in school and at home, is appropriately challenging. At the end of each half term, your child's phonics and reading is assessed. Based upon these results, the book colour for your child is decided upon and may be changed, dependent upon their assessment results. If we notice that your child is excelling at the work in class, and/or that they need more challenge, then we may change their book colour.

Reading for pleasure

Alongside the RWI 'Book Bag Books', we encourage you to continue to read a range of books with your child. We want children to be reading picture books, wordless picture books, poetry, traditional tales, graphic novels, fiction and non-fiction. Whilst their Read Write Inc 'Book Bag' book will help develop fluent decoding and understanding, it is very important that they have a broad and rich literary diet. Please continue to keep a record of the books they read in their Reading Log too.

If you require any further information regarding the new scheme. Please speak with your class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Gibbins
Head of School