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Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Reception will be given Songbird Phonic books or Rising Stars Rocket Phonics books to take and read daily at home. Children should be encouraged to sound out (segment) and blend the letters together to read the words independently. The sounds and words in the books will match their current phonics phase.

Books will usually be changed at the end of the week if a child has read the book at home with an adult and answered some of the suggested questions in the texts.

If a child also chooses another text to take home and read (**not a phonics book**) but still in the same colour band, then this book can be taken home to read for pleasure with an adult reading the main body of text, if necessary. (This is in addition to the phonics book).

These books will also demonstrate what graphemes (letters), phonemes (sounds) and words your child is learning in class each week.

Any questions or information you would like regarding Phonics or Early Reading, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your time and cooperation,

Mrs Shack-Chapman.
(Phonics Lead)

