

Dear Parents,

As a team we wanted to send out a quick note about Phonics. As you may or may not be aware the government have made changes to the DFE Reading Framework and are now advising schools to teach Phonics through a validated scheme. We have been researching and trialling a variety and feel now that we are ready to dive in and commit to a scheme that we believe to be a good fit for us and our children.

We are looking to fully launch this after February half term and have a number of jobs to do to get ready for this. Over the next week we ask you to send all reading books into school so that they can be sorted. A lot of work needs to be done to align some of our old books with the new phonics scheme so we ask for your patience while we undergo this transition.

As part of the new scheme we have access to online eBooks. These books are fully decodable (a new must in the revised Reading Framework) and will be allocated solely on what your child has been taught. These books are to be shared with an adult at least 3 x a week and will last a week. The aim is that the children can read them fluently without having to decode by the end of this period. The books will be issued over Microsoft Teams where you will find an access code. You will need to go to <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/go> where you can input the code and the eBooks will be there for you to launch.



We appreciate this isn't the same as holding a 'real' book and as soon as they are available, we will receive a delivery of books but for now we see this as a great alternative and for some children an incentive to read!

We will also be sending home phonics sheets to support the learning at home; these too will be issued via Teams.

(Please be aware that the new books may not be with us until late in the summer term so reading the e-Books will be an important part of the phonics taught.)

If anyone has any free time we would love some help in organising and laminating new resources. If anyone can spare an hour or two next week please contact the office.

On a final note, we have had a great reaction from the children so far and are excited to fully embed the new scheme. Thank you for your support and we will send more information after half term.