

Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to inform you that the school will be using The Oxford Reading Tree home reading scheme from the end of January. We believe this scheme will ignite the children's love of reading and improve basic reading skills throughout the school.

We would like to invite you to attend a meeting to explain more about this scheme and your role in it next week. Two meetings will take place. On Tuesday 26th January at 9 am there will be a meeting for KS1 parents and on Wednesday 27th January at 9 am a meeting for KS2 parents. If you have a child in both key stages you only need attend one meeting. These meetings will both take place in the junior hall.

If you are unable to attend either meeting there will be an opportunity to discuss the reading scheme at the upcoming parent meetings if you wish to do so.

As part of the reading scheme, the children will bring home colour banded books, relating to national book bands, which class teachers have assessed each individual child to be working at. There are prompts and activities listed in the book to help you read with your child so please use these. The scheme provides breadth of coverage so the children will be encouraged to read from a wide range of books within each colour band, rather than quickly progress through the colours, to ensure they develop all the skills needed to be a competent and fluent reader.

It is expected that you read with your child at least 3 times each week to achieve maximum impact. All children will be issued with a new ring bound contact book. This has space for you to write comments on how your child has read. The books will be changed by the children on a regular basis if you have commented in the contact book that the book has been read at home.

We are very excited to start this new reading partnership between the school and parents and thank you in advance for your help.

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