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Dear Parents,

We have changed the structure to the books the children will be bringing home. They will have two different books in their book bags. One book will be a book to practice the phonics they have been learning in school. The other is a book your child has either chosen from the school library or book corner.

Phonics 'Practice' Reading Book

The children will bring a book home that consolidates the phonics in class. Your child should be able to decode all the words in the book and read it independently using their phonics strategies. You will see on the front of the book we have highlighted the grapheme the child has recently learnt. This book needs to be read three times at home before changing. Please could this be recorded in their blue reading journals.

Why read the book three times?

The first time they need to be practicing their phonics and will be segmenting and blending each word. This can sound quite robotic, but it is important they do this. Please encourage your child to use their stretchy hands.

The second time they should be becoming more fluent and may not need to segment and blend each word. The third time they should be able to understand the text and talk about what they have read e.g. If the sentence is: 'The cat was sitting on the chair'. If you asked your child 'What was the cat doing?' They should be able to answer the question.

Reading for Pleasure

This second book has been chosen by your child and will be changed once a week. This is a book for you to enjoy reading with your child. Your child may not be able to read all the words in the book and would benefit from shared reading of the book.

You may like to spend time talking about the book during and after you have read it.

Book Talk Questions you may like to ask:

What is the story about?

Have you read any other books like this?

How did they compare?

What new words did you learn in the story?

Describe the characters

Which parts of the book stay in your mind most vividly?

How did the main character change? What surprises are there in the book?

How does the story end?

If you have any questions recording reading at Queensway school, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you

Mrs Lawrence

Key Stage One Leader