



West Green Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, your child received a reading record with a book. The first few books that children will bring from school will have no words. The purpose of that is for the children to look at the pictures in the book and tell the story based on those. As soon as children start blending simple words together they will receive books with words. These **books will be changed twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays**. By having a book for a few days it will allow your child to practise their reading skills with the same book, as well as being able to ask different questions or have a different focus e.g. talking about the characters, the setting etc. We will change the reading books if we are aware that your child has read them so please indicate in your child's reading record if they have done so (by writing a short comment about their story telling/reading). Also, this provides a record of how many books your child has read. When they have read a certain number of different books, they will receive Mr Hodgson's reading award certificates.

Furthermore, children will be bringing home story books (they will choose those themselves so please don't be surprised if they bring home their favourite ones over and over again), for you to enjoy with your child. These will also be **changed on a Tuesday**.

After half term we will begin to learn phonics. Each day we will be learning a new sound and we will be letting you know what sound that is by writing it on the parents board outside our classroom, in the 'today we have been ...' box. At West Green we use Ruth Miskin's 'Read Write Inc.' programme. Every day your child will come home with a sheet of the sound they have learnt. These do not need to come back to school but are for you to refer to and do at home. Also, see if you can spot the letters we have learnt when you are out and about or when you are reading with your child.

Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first is a cursive signature, the second is 'R. Spence', and the third is 'K. Sinfield'.

Mrs Whitlock, Mrs Spence and Miss Sinfield
Reception Teachers and LSA