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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today your child is bringing home a reading record. Each week we will attach a Sounds-Write extract that will include each of the sounds that the children have learnt that week. For the first few weeks, the extract will be very simple e.g. two/three letter words/simple sentences. However, once the children have worked their way through the alphabetic code we will be sending home short story extracts or reading books. These will contain all the sounds that the children will have learnt to date. Please work with your child to use the extracts or reading books often, as this will support them with developing their reading skills. Please write a comment in their reading diary e.g. Holly was able to point to s and tell me the sound; Tom was able sound out c-a-t and say the whole word. Alongside the extracts, the children will also be bringing home a picture book of their choice from our class reading corners. Please share these books with your child regularly to help to develop a love of reading.

In the early stages, the children may need a lot of support when learning how to read, so please take the time to find a quiet place, sit together and point to each sound. We will change the extract/picture books once a week but if you would like to change the picture book before then, just let your child's teacher know at the gate in the morning. However, we do recommend that you do not change the books too regularly as repeated reading of texts helps to develop reading confidence, automaticity and fluency.

As part of our Sounds-Write phonics programme, your child will be practising how to sound out and blend words for reading during each daily phonics session. As your child's class teacher will listen to your child read on a daily basis during the Sounds-Write session, a comment referring to this daily read will not be recorded in your child's reading record. However, during free flow, your child's class teacher or a member of the EYFS team will carry out 1:1 reading with your child every fortnight, which will be recorded in your child's reading record.

If you have any questions, please pop in and see us at the end of the day.

Kind regards,

Miss Florides