

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will already be aware, at Bourne Abbey Primary Academy we are passionate about developing a life-long love of reading. We are also dedicated to ensuring every child is fully equipped with the reading skills they need to transition successfully into their next stage of learning and we continue to invest heavily in a wide range of books for our children.

All children learn to read at a different pace and using different strategies and we would like to clarify the reading books that are sent home.

Until children are able to decode words fluently, all children will be sent home with a fully decodable reading book that matches their phonic ability and development. They will also have an Oxford Reading Tree book (or other scheme book) that will ensure they are exposed to high frequency non-decodable words or 'red' words.

As children become more fluent readers, they will move through banded scheme books including Oxford Reading Tree. However, although children may be able to read every word in their book, they also need to be able to comprehend the book they are reading and read with appropriate intonation and expression. You may therefore find over the coming weeks your child brings home a scheme book in addition to their free reader book of choice, or at a lower level than their current reading book. We would like to stress that this is so children are able to practise their comprehension skills with a book that they can access with ease, and not because they have gone backwards in their reading.

Each child will also receive a 'Pawsome Gang' book mark which are full of age appropriate questions that will support you at home with helping develop reading comprehension skills such as prediction, inference and understanding new vocabulary.

If you would like any more information about supporting your child's reading development please feel free to speak to your child class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,



Mrs Buttress
Head of School



Miss Ockwell and Miss Bergmann
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