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Home Reading

Dear Families of Brackenwood Infants,

The Government has an expectation that all children will receive home reading books that are **100% decodable** for them. In order to meet this expectation, our children will receive home reading books that they can read by either sight (knowing what a word is by looking at it) or by breaking it up and using their phonics knowledge to sound it out and put it back together (church, ch ur ch, church).

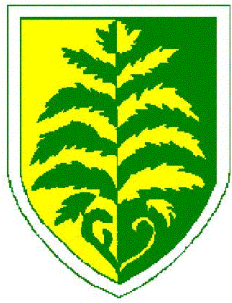
Current research shows it is vital that early readers (children that mainly use phonics to read unfamiliar words) are not asked to read books that are beyond what they are learning in their phonics lessons in school. 'Decodable' books and texts that children read should run alongside or a little behind the teaching of phonics, so that children feel a sense of achievement when they are asked to read such books and receive lots of opportunities to apply their phonics.

Our home reading books will be **sent home twice weekly** and we will ensure that all books are matched to what the children are learning or have already learned in their phonics lessons in school to allow opportunities to apply their knowledge. To ensure that children can still be stretched with their reading, teachers have assigned coloured book bands to your child on **Bug Club (our online resource)**. This will ensure that your child has lots of opportunities to read a wide range of books at the phonically decodable level that is being taught to them by their teacher. This will also mean that your child can read books slightly ahead of their phonics teaching in order to expose them to higher level vocabulary or develop their reading fluency, if you as families or the teacher feel it is required.

Your child may also receive a **paper Bug Club slip** along with their homework to advise an additional book on Bug Club online matched to the teaching of phonics to provide further opportunities to read phonically decodable books at home. It would be incredibly helpful if, when you receive this slip, your child reads this online book as well as the ones sent home. This system will **not** apply to children who are in Year 2 and have passed their phonics screening check unless a child is receiving additional phonics tutoring in class.

As a result of this, could families please ensure that **all children know their Bug Club usernames and passwords** and have had a go at logging onto Bug Club online. Below is the website needed to get logged in. If you need any further support with this, please speak with your child's class teacher.

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School code: **wkxh**

Password: **(provided by child's class teacher)**

If there are any further questions or queries regarding the home reading system, please come and speak to me. Thank you all once again for your continued support with reading at home,

Mrs Dickens (Reading co-ordinator)

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