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Dear Parents,

Reading at Woodley C of E Primary School

Welcome back to a new term. We hope that you all had a relaxing summer break. This letter is to inform you of a few changes to the way in which your child will be choosing their reading books.



When children start their journey in our school, they will begin on the Ruth Miskin Read, Write Inc. Scheme. Children work through this scheme and are assessed regularly to ensure that they are in the appropriate group for their stage. The majority of the children will finish this scheme in Year 2 but some children will still be working on this in Key Stage 2 as children learn in different ways and may still be working on this scheme until the end of Year 4. RWI focuses on helping all children learn to read fluently and at speed so they can develop their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling. This is achieved by reading the same book over and over again.

Children on the RWI scheme will receive 2 types of book to bring home:

- 1 RWI book that is changed by the teacher. These are the 'Book Bag' books that correspond with the RWI book your child has been reading in school. It is important that children re-read the same book a number of times to build up speed and fluency and most importantly comprehension. The 'Book Bag' books will be changed every 3 or 5 days depending on the colour group your child is in.
- 2 books that can be shared with parents. These 'books to share' can be changed daily by the children and are selected from our library boxes. Please encourage your child to bring their books back to school once they have been shared at home so that they can swap them for some new books. Children will be able to choose books that interest them which supports our focus on developing a love of stories. Please note that the children are not expected to be able to read these books independently.

All home reading, of school reading books, with parents must be recorded in your child's home school diary. Please remember that our expectation is that children read at 5x per week.

Further information on Read Write Inc. can be found on our website. Books will start to go home from Wednesday 9th September.

Once children have finished the RWI scheme, they move on to Accelerated Reader.

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Accelerated Reader is a new reading program and we are very excited about introducing it - it gives us a great opportunity to start the new term with a strong emphasis on the importance of regular reading.

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers to manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child chooses a book at their level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child will take a short quiz on the computer – passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read.

The introduction of Accelerated Reader will mean that for the first week, or until your child has been assessed, they will not be bringing home a reading book from school. Once they have taken their 'Star Test' and had Accelerated Reader explained to them by their teacher, they can then choose an appropriate book to read for their level. The Star tests are taking place over the next week. In the meantime we would like children to continue to read their own books at home.

Alongside Accelerated Reader, we have also subscribed to their online reading resource - MyOn. This will provide children with the opportunity to read at home and online. We found, particularly during lockdown, that children enjoyed reading and choosing books online – On MyOn there are thousands of books to choose from. Again, we will be going through how this works with the children and will be giving parents guidance on our website soon.

Accelerated Reader will enable your child to read books that interest them and at their level. We know that when a child is interested in their reading, then they make good progress. If you want to find out more about Accelerated Reader, then there is some literature on our website

We hope that you will support your child's reading at home, by encouraging them to read regularly and ask them questions about their reading. Discussing their books with them and sharing books is vital to develop life-long readers.

Thank you for your continued support,

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