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Dear Parents/Carers,

As it is now Spring Term, the home learning expectations for children in Early Years now become essential as part of working together to support their progress and development. The details are contained in the 'Home Learning in a Nutshell' document, which is reattached for your reference.

All children now have a form of Phonics book that is being sent home. This book is at the appropriate reading level for the group your child is in. These groups change half-termly, after the children are assessed. These books look different depending on the group your child is in.

Children will have either:

- A red book (keep in bookbag as they are changed on a 3 day cycle).
- A small purple book.
- Or a 'Ditty' sheet of paper (these do not have to be handed back to school)

It is the expectation (as it is across the whole school) that children read at least 4 times a week. At this age, this should be with and to an adult. This needs to be their phonics book and this will support their developing blending and fluency with the use of their phonic skills (e.g. c-a-t > cat f-i-sh > fish). The library books that come home are for you to share together and to promote a love of stories, we do not expect the children to be able to read these books, they should only be reading the phonics book that matches their assessed level.

We will be tracking and monitoring the children's reading at home in the classroom and they have the opportunity to receive praise in assembly for this home learning. It is essential that every parent hears their child this regularly to support them. At school the children are heard daily in their phonics lesson by their phonics teacher. As phonics lead across the school, I conduct the children's assessment and therefore have full oversight of their skills and progression.

Your support at home with this reading is crucial to help the children make the best progress possible.

Kind regards,

Miss K Kay  
Ash Class Teacher



