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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Rucstall Reading!

It was great to see so many parents and family members coming into school for World Book Day to hear the children read. We are hoping to run another one of these events in the summer – hopefully later in the evening to enable some of our families who were at work to be able to attend.

### Reading Records – Years 1-6

As we have previously mentioned, we track the number of recorded reads in children's reading records. Every 25 reads, the children receive a certificate. There is an extra special prize (not a book token!) for every child who records 200 or more reads by the end of the school year. Our expectation is that children read a minimum of four times per week and we need your help! At the moment, we have **42 children** who have not read 50 times or more which is a great shame. Please check in your child's reading record and help us to reward this.

### After School Library for Ash, Fir and Hazel Class

We are opening our Jungle Library for the younger children after school each week starting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The library will then be open every Friday for you to be able to change books with Miss Bridgehouse who will be around for support. This is the perfect opportunity for parents and children to change reading books which can be shared at home by an adult. The books are in addition to the phonetically decodable ones.

Ash and Fir



Picture book from the Jungle Library which an adult reads to the child.

RWI Phonetically decodable Book which children automatically bring home to be read out loud by the child.

Hazel children receiving phonics



Hazel – free readers



Any book from the Jungle Library which is read out loud to someone at home. These children may take out two books at a time.

Children in Key Stage Two are able to change their books during allocated class slots as well as just before lunch.

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'committed to the principles of equality and diversity'





### Reminder of what my child should be reading

Ash and Fir

Hazel - Phonics

Hazel - Free Reader

One book from the Jungle Library which an adult (or older sibling!) can read to them.

The children are also sent home with one decodable Read, Write, Inc. paper book. These books will be sent home following three/ four days of story book teaching in school and, although it may seem as though children have 'memorised' the book, it is important to continue reading it as it allows them to build reading fluency and help commit words to memory. Additionally, it will allow children to begin to use their storyteller voices as they spend less time decoding words and more time comprehending what they are reading.

Some of the children will also have another RWI book bag book which has not been read in school, but is decodable so the children should be able to read this out loud at home.

Two books from our Jungle Library. This can be two novels or one novel and one non-fiction or picture book.

Lime, Maple, Rowan and Willow

Free Readers

Lime, Maple, Rowan and Willow

Phonics

For children in Year Three and above who are considered free readers (this means they are not receiving RWI teaching), they can borrow two books from our Magical Library. This can be two novels or one novel and one non-fiction, poetry book, newspaper or picture book.

For children in Year Three and above who are not yet free readers, they can borrow one book from our Magical or Jungle Library which an adult (or older sibling!) can read to them. The children will also be bringing home two books which are linked to the phonic sounds they are learning. They should read these books daily out loud to an adult.

Please do ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure whether they are still receiving phonics teaching.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Mills  
Deputy Headteacher