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*'You must love one another as I have loved you.'* John 13 v 34.

Working together with love we will provide a happy and nurturing environment where all will, *'learn to love and love to learn'*, making outstanding progress through an enriched and creative curriculum. Through our strong Christian ethos we will celebrate and embrace the richness of our community.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you about our home-school reading books in Year One. Your child will bring home **four books per week**:

**Oxford Reading Tree**- To challenge pupils and expose them to common exception words for Year One (attached to this letter).

**Read Write Inc. Book** (for applicable groups) – Your child will have been reading this book in their phonics group. Taking a copy home will help them to consolidate their learning.

**Rising Stars Reading Planet** – To ensure that children are using phonic strategies to read words accurately. These books are phonetically decodable, meaning that your child will be able to read most words by breaking them down using Fred talk.

**Library Book** – To encourage wider reading for pleasure and develop vocabulary. Your child may find it hard to read these books independently, therefore it is encouraged that you read these to your child.

Your child's books should be changed at least once a week. You can support this by reading with your child for at least 10 minutes every day; it would benefit them to read aloud to an adult to practice their fluency, pronunciation and encourage confidence. Please ensure that your child brings their **book to school every day**.

Your child also has a reading diary for you to comment in. There are a variety of comments that you could include such as how they have achieved, what they struggled with and their understanding of the story. If you are unsure of what to include make a general comment, such as 'great reading' or 'found it hard this week' and sign your name. For any more advice on this please do not hesitate to ask any member of Year One staff.

Within your child's Reading Diary is a target for you to focus on when you read together. Once you feel that they have completed the target, please sign and date it.

It is also important to build your child's comprehension skills whilst listening to them read. There are questions on the back cover of both the Oxford Reading Tree and Rising Stars Reading Planet books for you to ask as they read or after they have finished the whole book.

Reading aloud with your child for just ten minutes a day will have a huge impact on their understanding, listening and concentration skills, fluency and development of new vocabulary.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with reading,

Miss Tucker and Miss Steventon - Year 1 teachers



Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures. and the environment.