Essential Letters and Sounds

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Broom Barns Primary School, we follow the Essential Letters and Sounds phonics scheme. You can find more information here or on our school website.

To best support us in teaching your child to read, we ask that you read the decodable text provided by the school **four times** across the week. Spending 5 or 10 minutes a day reading with your child will hugely support them on their journey to becoming an independent reader.

We will be changing children's books once a week on Fridays. This will allow your child to re-read each text several times, building their confidence and fluency. This is especially important as they begin to learn that the sounds within our language can be spelled in different ways.

For children, re-reading words and sentences that they can decode (sound out) until they are fluent (read with ease and precision) is a key part of learning to read. By reading texts several times, children have the greatest opportunity to achieve this fluency.

The texts sent home are carefully matched to the teaching taking place in school. Your child will be practising what they have been taught in school with you at home. We will only ask children to read books independently when they can decode these by themselves.

Any books that are not yet decodable for the children (for example library books) will be sent home as a sharing book. These books will be sent home for you to read with your child, helping us to instil a love of reading from the very beginning of their reading journey. These could be read together *with* your child reading the words they are able to decode or could be read *to* your child.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Kind regards

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