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Dear Parents/Carers,

Essential Letters and Sounds

We are excited to announce the launch of your new Synthetic Phonics Program – Essential Letters and Sounds. The children will have new and exciting phonics lessons focussing on a Department for Education validated phonics scheme. This means that there will be some changes to the reading books that your child brings home.

Colour Banded Reading Books

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will bring home colour banded reading books. They can change these as often as they like. These books are to develop their comprehension and narrative skills. Please attend our reading workshop to find out more about how you can support your child with these skills.

Decodable Books

All children in Reception and Year 1 and some children in Year 2 will be beginning to bring home decodable books. These books will be changed weekly. The idea is that children become fluent in reading these books as they will have the opportunity to read them several times over the week. We will be purchasing new books and developing our decodable books offer over this term so please bear with us.

Online Books

We have a new and exciting online library of books for your child to access. They will be using these online books in class so you can link in directly with what the teacher is teaching. You can access the log in page at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> Your child will bring their log in details home with them in their reading diary.

Information Event

We will be holding an information event for parents on Friday 19th November at 9am. This will be a ticketed event and tickets will be given on a first come first served basis as we have to limit numbers due to social distancing. Come along to find out more and receive a free phonics gift.

Book your FREE ticket through your Schoolgateway App.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hogan

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