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Reading books

Dear parents/carers,

To support your child in the development of their reading, they currently bring home two reading books, a colour banded book and a phonics book. The colour banded book contains a number of non-decodable words, while the phonics book is fully decodable and encourages 100% accuracy.

In order to encourage children to further develop their reading speed and focus solely on this, they will no longer be bringing home a colour banded book. Instead, your child will bring home one to two phonics books that will have been introduced to them during their reading lesson. They will have read this book a number of times.

Reading the same book more than once enables us to develop our fluency and expression. Please take the time to listen to your child read this book as they will want to show you how they can read confidently and successfully. It may seem that the phonics book is too 'easy', however this is intentional, so your child can experience what reading is like for an adult – effortless and enjoyable.

It is important that your child brings their phonics book to school each Friday, as they will not be able to take home their new book until they have returned the previous title.

Alongside the phonics book, your child will be able to choose a 'real' storybook to bring home. This book is for you to read to your child and is an opportunity to share and enjoy a book together.

We will have a workshop to discuss this further and answer any questions you may have on Wednesday 17th October.

If you cannot attend and have any queries, please address them to misslynch@darlinghurst.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your support with reading,

Miss Lynch

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