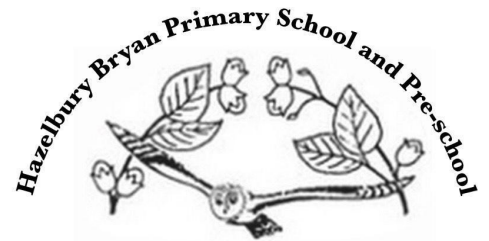


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Dear Parents,

As mentioned during our recent parents' evening, we are amending how we change our reading books so that the children have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the text they are reading through a slower pace and a variety of questions about the text (please see your child's bookmark). The children should also then have time to re-read their text for fluency and expression.

You will have seen from our weekly newsletters, that (thanks to our PTFA) we have acquired new reading books and are gradually changing over to a new reading scheme.

All of Kestrels' children still need to bring in their reading diaries and reading books everyday, however their text, matched carefully to their reading ability, will only be changed on a Wednesday. To supplement this, the children will also be visiting the school library every Friday where they can take a book out and return it each Friday. This will develop reading for pleasure and provide independence in selecting books to read.

May I take this opportunity to also remind you of the importance of regularly reading at home with your child. We believe in quality over quantity. It is important to discuss, predict and infer text rather than reading many pages without any discussion around the text or pictures.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to seeing many of you at our reading workshops for your child on Wednesday 26th April 2.15-3.15pm for Year One and Wednesday 3rd May 2.15-3.15pm for Year Two.

Kind regards,

Mrs Odhams

