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Dear Parents/Carers



We have decided to change our reading scheme and no longer use the book banded system eg. red sticker books. Research shows that phonic based books (books that only have blendable words in them eg. sh-i-p), support children to become quicker fluent readers. To support this change, all teaching staff have participated in training with the Ramsbury English Hub.

At the end of the Spring term, children in Hedgehogs and Foxes classes completed phonic assessments on their return to school. Your child will bring home one book linked to their assessment outcomes, this book must be read daily so that your child can read it fluently. Please help your child if they need support in sounding out and blending the sounds in words. Make sure you use 'pure sounds' and not 'hard sounds'. Watch the video links below if you need to check how to say 'pure sounds' and blend sounds to read new words. You can watch them with your whole family!

How to pronounce pure sounds <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

How to blend sounds to read a word <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqvqMtSNswo&t=2s>

We ask that you read daily so that your child can become fluent quicker. Your child will be given a new book when your child is fluent and can read the book without sounding out and blending words to their teacher.

Thank you for all your ongoing support in helping your child to foster a love of reading.

Kind regards,

*J Hillier*

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English Lead.

