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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Newton Tony Primary School we promote a love of learning and an important part of this is access to books that your child can enjoy. Over the course of the year your child will have a wide range of stories read to them and we have amazing books in the school library that they can borrow! When we read a class book, many of the children tell us that they wish they had a copy of the book to read along in class so we thought it would be fantastic if you would like to buy your child their class focus books. **If you are entitled to pupil premium or need financial support, we are happy to purchase the books for your child, please contact Miss Priestley so she can order the books.** Some children worry because they have a different cover to the one pictured below but it doesn't matter what the cover looks like. We will start reading The Last Bear on September 16th.

Please ask your child to write their name in their book because as you can imagine there will be many other copies in class. Please ensure that your child has a copy of The Last Bear by 16th September, The Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane by 6th January and a copy of The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by 22nd April. If you would like to purchase the other three books, this is optional although many children enjoy having them all and following along with the reading. The books do, of course come home again at the end of the term at which time the children can talk enthusiastically about the book, point out their favourite parts etc. In the coming school year your Squirrel child will read the books in the table below in class.

Autumn Term 1	Spring Term 1	Summer Term 1
<p><b>The Last Bear</b>            Hannah gold</p> 	<p><b>Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane</b>            by Kate Dicamillo.</p> 	<p><b>The Legend of Podkin One-Ear</b>            Kieran Larwood &amp; David Wyatt</p> 
Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 2
<p>By Ash, Oak and Thorn            Melissa Harrison</p> 	<p>Why the Whales came            Michael Morporgu.</p> 	<p>The Iron Man            Ted Hughes</p> 

We know that children treasure the books we use in class and want to encourage them to build their own library at home so that they can revisit the books whenever they want. By buying the books each year you are helping your child to become immersed in the text and by the time they leave Key Stage 2 they will have at least 12 books filled with happy memories. Thank you for your continued support as we build a life-long love of reading with your children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hillier

