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Friday 21st September

Dear Parents, carers,

We would like to invite you into school to find out more about our early reading scheme – **Read Write Inc** – on **Tuesday 11th October 2022**, at 3.30pm. Read Write Inc is an exciting programme, which accelerates the progress children will make in reading, based on Phonics teaching.

Mrs Rees and I will hold a **Reading Information Session for ALL Class 1 parents** to attend. We will outline Read Write Inc as well as talk to you about expectations for reading at home.

Information for parents – you will find attached a parent information booklet as well as a document, which answers some frequently asked questions.

Parental engagement – This is essential for the success of the programme. We have invested in new reading books and resources and we need you to get even more involved in practicing reading at home. At school, we can teach decoding and the skills of reading, but the children really do have to practice these skills at home to make good progress.

The first 4 weeks – we will not be sending home the usual reading books with our younger children and emergent readers for the first 4 weeks. This is because we are teaching ‘speed sounds’ before we send home reading books home. Instead, the first 4 weeks are focussed on ‘*Reading for Pleasure*’ and so we will send home a book that you can enjoy with your child, either read with or to them.

After this time, we will reassess and group the children and send home the new reading books matched to their learning in school. It will be essential that they practice their reading at home – one book per week – and that the books are returned to school each week. **Reading books and reading records should come between school and home every day.**

Many thanks for your support with this exciting early reading programme and with your child’s home reading.

Kind regards,

Mrs Petersen & Mrs Rees

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