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Dear Parents / Carers

Reading - ReadWriteInc

At Shoreham Village School we follow the ReadWriteInc Reading Scheme. This is a systematic programme for teaching synthetic phonics that encourages pupils to read books independently that they are able to read eg after they have learned all of the sounds in that book.

We thought it would be helpful to explain how the system works so that you can understand why children are bringing home books that they have read before and can already read.

We deliver phonics sessions every day and your child is in a group with other children that are at the same or a similar reading level. During the phonics session, the children learn new phonic sounds, revisit sounds they have learned already, and read a ReadWriteInc reading book with an adult, in pairs and on their own. They will read the same book for three phonics sessions eg over three days. They will then take that book home because they should now be fluent and be able to read the book without mistakes and at a good reading speed. This book will then be your child's book to read at home until the next book is sent home (after the next three phonics sessions have been delivered).

This means that your child will be reading the same reading book over and over again because reading research shows that this is the best way to ensure fluency and to build confidence. Please let your child read this book aloud to you – they should be able to do this with confidence, without mistakes and at a good reading speed.

In addition to the reading book, your child will also have a book that they may or may not be able to read – this book is a 'reading for pleasure' book and it is one that we expect them to share with an adult as it is likely to contain words that they cannot yet sound out or read. Please read this book to them or with them but do not expect them to be able to read it independently.

It is very important that you hear your child reading their ReadWrite Inc reading book every day and that it is returned to school every day.



Whilst it may feel laborious to keep re-reading the same book, this is what helps pupils to learn to read, and the additional 'reading for pleasure' book will ensure pupils stay motivated and excited about books in general.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me, Miss Watts or Mrs Lovatt-Young if you wish to discuss reading with us.

Yours sincerely

Ms Jill Corlett Reading Lead Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young Head

