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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this letter finds you well. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some important information regarding our phonics and reading activities in Badgers Class.

For Year 1 children, a home learning sheet will be sent every week, outlining the phonics focus for the upcoming lessons. This sheet will also include four spelling words (found at the bottom) which could be practised by your child. It is not an expectation that this information be used as homework. These spellings will be assessed during our phonics lessons on Thursdays.

In Year 2, children will receive eight weekly spellings, along with some tricky words, after they have been taught in class. These spellings will also be assessed during phonics lessons on Thursdays.

Additionally, for those following the Little Wandle scheme, eBooks will continue to be assigned on Fridays. Our aim is to continually monitor the reading levels of your child, and these levels may change in line with the most recent assessments.

In addition to the assigned eBooks, we want to encourage your child to develop a love for reading. Therefore, they will have two opportunities per week to select a book from our school library. It is important to note that we do not expect them to read these books independently. Instead, we encourage sharing and enjoying these books with an adult at home. This special time together not only promotes a love for reading, but also helps to strengthen the bond between child and family.

Our focus is to ensure secure progression in phonics, fluency in reading, and to foster a genuine love for reading among our children. By working together, we can create an environment that supports your child's growth and development in these areas.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact. We are here to support you and your child throughout their educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Pickering and Hannah Vaughan

## **Badgers Class Teachers**











