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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see the children perform so well in the Phonics Screening Check last year, and we wish to thank parents and staff for their input in teaching children to use phonics to **decode** fluently. We would also like to thank staff and parents for their dedication in teaching children to **read** - steering them towards a life-long love of reading.

We will be continuing our phonics journey by using ELS (Essential Letters and Sounds) – it being the scheme we felt was most in line with our current excellent practise. There are however a few changes to the way that children will bring home books as detailed in the letter from ELS attached.

As a school, we will be continuing our drive to ensure that books that encourage the continuation of reading for pleasure surround the children. As a result, children will be bringing home a phonetically decodable book matched to the phonic scheme as detailed in the ELS letter, and also a book that they have chosen to read with you, or by themselves if they are able. This book can be changed as often as you like.

Mrs Holland and Miss Rockliffe's phonics evening was a great success. You can see clips to support you here if you missed it.

Many thanks for your continued support in this essential phase of early reading.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jackson
Deputy Headteacher/SEND/CO/Literacy Lead