

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our phonics and reading curriculum at Wisborough Green Primary School, we follow the 'Song of Sounds' programme, which supports children in learning to read through a fun, multi-sensory, and systematic approach.

As your child progresses through this programme, you may notice they bring home the same reading book for a week. We wanted to take a moment to explain why this is a key part of our approach.

In 'Song of Sounds', children are taught to decode using the sounds they have learnt in class. The reading books they bring home are carefully matched to the phonics stage they are working on. Re-reading the same book over several days is an important part of helping children to:

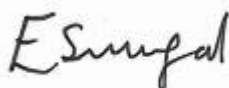
- **Practise decoding** using the phonics skills they've been taught in class
- **Develop fluency** by recognising words more quickly and reading with greater ease each time
- **Build confidence** in their ability to read independently and out loud
- **Strengthen comprehension**, as repeated reading allows children to understand the story or information more deeply
- **Use expression**, once they are familiar with the text, making reading more enjoyable and engaging

Before your child brings their phonics reading book home, they will first read it with an adult in school. This ensures they are familiar with the text and have practised decoding the words using their phonic knowledge. Reading the book in school first helps build confidence and supports success when they read it again at home with you. Reading and re-reading at home has a significant impact on your child's progress.

In addition to the phonics reading books your child brings home as part of our 'Song of Sounds' programme, they will also be choosing a library book to take home for enjoyment. These books are not linked to your child's current phonics level but are intended to help foster a love of reading, develop listening and comprehension skills, and allow you to enjoy stories together at home. Children will have the opportunity to change their library book twice a week, giving them regular opportunities to explore a range of exciting and engaging titles. This will happen on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday** for all three classes, so please ensure your child has their library book in school on these two days if they wish to change it.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's reading journey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,



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