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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have noticed, each child has now brought home a coloured reading bookmark. These have been designed to help you with supporting your child's reading progression at home. Each bookmark contains key things that your child needs to know, or be able to do, in order to make progress at their stage of reading development. Depending on the book band, the bookmark might include: sounds they need to know, red words they need to practise reading, tips to help them read more fluently or comprehension guidance and question examples. Each time your child moves up a Read, Write, Inc. group or a book band, they will bring home the next colour book mark.

The bookmarks also contain QR codes, which you can scan using a camera on a smart phone or tablet. This will direct you to video guidance or other relevant documents that will provide you with further support. The videos show examples of teachers reading with children, to demonstrate the way adults in school support and challenge all children when listening to them read.

It is important to mention, that there are many different skills required in becoming a reader. Every child is different and two children who are reading the same colour books, might have very different reading targets. For this reason, your child's class teacher should always be your first port of call with regards to the best way to support them to achieve their personal targets.

The team at Foxhills are determined to teach every child to read, write and communicate their thoughts, feelings and values coherently. We recognise that reading underpins the whole curriculum. If you can read, you can learn anything! Therefore, we aspire for every child to be able to read fluently, by the time they leave us in Year Two. Research indicates that children who read regularly at home make significantly more progress, than those who don't, and therefore we thank you for your support and engagement with helping our children become readers, and ultimately, lifelong learners.

If you have any questions about supporting your child with reading or are keen to learn more, please don't hesitate to contact myself, or a member of the teaching team. We are always looking for additional adults to come and read with the children in school. If this is something that interests you, please let us know.

Kind regards.

Sophie Foster