



# Warden Hill

PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Reading at Home

We are delighted to begin the new school year with the news that we have a wonderful selection of brand new reading scheme books for pupils in our Reception and Key Stage 1 classes. Our new scheme of reading books (from pink to turquoise) are based on the 'Letters and Sounds' phonics programme that we use in school. This means that as of the start of the new academic year, the reading scheme books (from pink to turquoise) that we use in school will be fully decodable and will follow the groups of phonemes being taught to the children. Many of the previous colour banded books (from pink to turquoise) are no longer being used for reading at home as they are not fully decodable to match the phonemes that the children are being taught. You may find your child is on a different 'colour band' because we have moved the focus to the children's 'Letters and Sounds' knowledge which our new scheme is aligned to.

The selection of books that we have from purple band onwards, will be the same as before because children have not only been taught all of the phonemes but are secure in applying them to their reading, as well as being able to read more fluently.

We want all children to be successful readers that enjoy reading at Warden Hill Primary School. Therefore we have changed how often we will be sending books home to ensure their fluency and comprehension develops accordingly. Children will have their books changed twice a week (every Monday and Thursday). This is because we want children to read their book three times to help them develop all of their reading skills.

- The first read will focus on their decoding skills to read phonically regular words and recognising common exception words.
- The second read focuses on their understanding of what the text is about.
- By the third read the child will feel like an expert and enjoy sharing the story with fluency and explore using expression.

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