

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear parents / carers,

## Reading Books and Book Bags

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, your child will bring home their first reading book. They will therefore need a book bag (supplied at Initially Yours or similar). We will not be able to send their books home if they do not have a bag. **Please ensure it is named.** Some small personalisation can help identify the bags quickly but please avoid using huge keyrings as they take up too much room. Also, for the sake of the books, please do not put your child's water bottle inside.



Each child will be given a 'White book'. At this stage it is going to be used just as a reading record – please record when you have read with your child in the correct date box.

Their first book will be a no-word story book. It is important to build up their storytelling language, general spoken vocabulary and to make observations of the illustrations. Shared story time between you and your child should be fun and relaxed with you modelling how to tell a story including story starters such as 'One sunny morning...' The team will film an example of how this can be done and upload it onto Tapestry for you to view.

The reading books will be given out every Friday and need to be returned the following Tuesday. In line with the Covid regulations, they will be taken out of circulation for 72 hours.

In time, your child will also be given a library book, which should be read to them for pure pleasure. These will be changed regularly.

Kind Regards,

The Reception Team.