



HALLBOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We love to share stories at school and talk about the characters and events that take place in each book. Talking about books is an important part of literacy development as it aids communication skills as well as supporting children in developing story language, encouraging character discussion and supports children's imagination so that they can tell stories themselves before we begin to write them down. When our formal phonics teaching begins the children will begin to bring home banded books when they are ready which encourage children to begin the more formal process of decoding words using their sound knowledge. In these first few weeks at school we are encouraging the children to choose a book from our picture book / simply story selection or library box so that they can take home and share it with you. Most of these books are not designed for the children to read themselves but are to encourage them to talk about what happens in stories, to tell the story using pictures, building up a variety of story language and also to encourage them to answer questions about what they have heard at the end. Please feel free to change your child's reading book in the classroom box when you have finished looking at it and we would love to read your comments in their home school link book about what you have been reading at home.

When we feel that the children are ready to bring home a book that they can start to read for themselves with you we will select a book appropriate for them and let you know what colour band they are on so that you can begin to support your child in their own reading at home.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

The Foundation Stage Staff