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Meeting individual needs...to the best of our ability.

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Dear Parents,

Working with parents and carers to develop great readers in Robins

We thought it would be useful to clarify how it all works in Robins' class and we hope you find this useful.

Home Readers



1. Children drop their book bags in the blue box:

- **every Thursday morning for everyone.**
- any other mornings if they want to change their book.
- The children will learn to choose their own books and trained to do so carefully. Mrs Kirby and Mrs Johnson will take the children this term to show them where they select their books from and if they need harder or easier books within a level, they will direct them accordingly.

All book changes are now being closely monitored in class.

Children must change their book at least once a week.

Details of your child's new book are entered in the front and back of your child's reading record book.

2. The Teaching Assistant changing the book reads parents' comments and initials these to show they have been seen.
3. Any parental concerns are brought to the attention of both teachers.

Star Readers



We know that developing a love of reading and reading skills are two of the most important elements of learning at KS1. Reading skills only develop if children practise regularly at home. Ideally, at this age a page every day would be best. However, we know this is not always possible so the target we set for the children is to read at least 3 times a week. This is monitored closely and celebrated and rewarded where children have read consistently 3 times a week over the half term.

Word Walls



These have now been sent home for children to learn words by sight. Please practise these with your child as often as you can. Learning these words by sight will free up their brains to think about the meaning of what they are reading, which in turn makes reading easier and a lot more fun. Spellings will come home on a Thursday and checked for learning in class on a Wednesday.

Thank you for all your support at home. It makes working together to help your child make great progress a successful team effort.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Chidwick and Mrs. Bharaj

