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Dear Parents,

Since September, we have all worked very hard to help the children with their reading so that they could catch up if necessary and make the progress that is so important for their learning. We really don't want to lose the skills they have gained so we would like reading to continue to be a focus during lockdown.

Firstly, we will be giving the opportunity, if you are home learning, to come and collect books from school. There will be a box for each class with a set of books for each child. These will be at the reading book band level and decodable book level for your child. The third book will be a classroom library book to read for pleasure. We ask that you read each book at least 3 times:

- For decoding
- For fluency and to develop reader voice and enjoyment
- For comprehension and developing understanding of tricky words

The boxes will go outside the main gate next **Friday 29th January** from 10.00 a.m. Please collect your books when you are out for a daily walk/ exercise and use social distancing rules if you need to. The pack of books will have your child's name on.

These books will need to be returned the following **Tuesday 2nd February** by 3.00 p.m. This is **very important** for two reasons. We need them to decontaminate for 72 hours before we can send them out again and, if we don't get them back, **we will not have enough books for the all the children.**

Please can you return any school books that you have at home by Tuesday 26th January so that these are available for the packs on Friday. Class boxes will be put outside the main entrance from 10.00 a.m. Monday morning so just drop them off when you are passing. Thank you.

As well as the books from school, you can still access Oxford Owls and Oxford Owl storytellers for online books as well as Twinkl, who also offer decodable books and

other reading books through their Home Learning Hub. You will need to set up an account by following the instructions attached.

In addition, you can also access online books to read or listen to through Book Trust Home Time. Follow the link below to find a range of interactive books and games.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Books for Topics offer Storytime online and you can find recommended stories read by authors and illustrators for all age groups on the documents attached.

The Oak Academy has introduced a new online library with a key author of the week. Some of these will be KS2 orientated but it might be worth having a look to see who is featured each week.

We hope that all these links will help you to continue to support the reading journey that your children are on and we hope that by supporting their reading as much as possible, we can ensure they continue to build on this most important life skill.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Pass