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Handwriting and Reading Books

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you are enjoying looking at the reading books with your child each week. Please may we ask that you sign the reading record to show you have shared the book at home. Please feel free to continue to write comments as you share books together. We would suggest that books aren't always changed daily as there is plenty of work that can be done over a few days with one book e.g. sharing the text, the illustrations, asking questions about the story as well as yourselves modelling how to read a book to your child. Children will benefit from really getting to know the book and working on comprehension skills.



Finally, we will be sending home handwriting homework books at the end of this week (**Friday 17th November**). The sounds and writing exercises follow up the work in class. At the moment we are working on name formation, letter sound formation as well as building simple words. Please may we ask that the work is completed at home and sent in on the following Monday each week so we are able to get books set up again to go home on the Friday.

To reinforce what we are doing at home, we would suggest the following guidelines:

- **Only one page of work required each week**
- **Please only use pencil and not pens or felt tips**
- **Although it is lovely to see siblings involved with 'marking' books, we would ask that this is kept as a special home writing book and marked by staff back at school.**
- **Please refer to the 'letter formation sheet' included.**

We find the pencils pictured here are very helpful to the children and can be purchased for left-handed writers too. These pencils can usually be purchased in shops such as WHSmith and Ryman.

If you have any queries please come and speak to any of the Foundation Team. Thank you for your continued support.

The Foundation Team