

Dear parents and carers,

We have some exciting news!

As you know we regularly send books home from school for you and your child to read together. These books have always been matched to the general phonics phase that your child is working within. The latest research suggests that access to phonetically decodable texts (books made up almost entirely of sounds that children have already experienced) is an important part of developing early reading skills. These books allow children to increase their fluency as they are very repetitive and matched not only to the phonics phase but as closely as possible to the sounds each child is currently learning. This is hugely important for the children to be able to grow in confidence when reading. The PTA have generously provided the funds to purchase some of these books. We believe that they will help our children to continue to develop positive reading attitudes. Already, when using the books at school, we have seen smiles on faces, of both adults and children!

We will be sending these books home so that you can support your children by reading the decodable books with them.

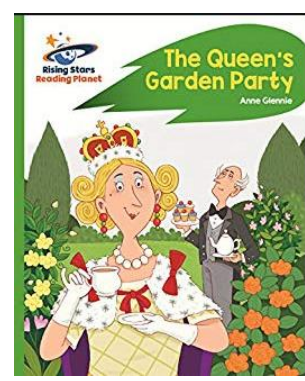
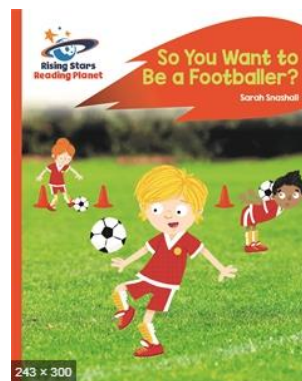
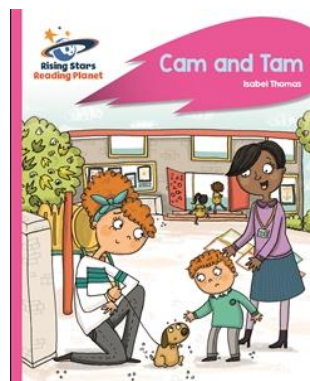
As you may be aware, brand new sets of books are expensive to buy and we would appreciate it if these (see pictures below) are returned regularly so we can share them with as many children as possible. Our resources are not limitless so, until a decodable book is returned, we will not be able to send another one home with your child.

Without your help, we are unable to properly support the reading development of your children. We ask that any books that are sent home are treated with care and kept in bookbags (apart from when they're being read!) to ensure that they can find their way back to school in a good condition. We would also be grateful if you could check at home for any school books (they should have the address stamped inside them) and return them to the class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support with this vital skill.

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