



Hanley St Luke's C of E (Aided) Primary

10th October 2014

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

We are writing to inform you about the changes to our reading scheme. Following the introduction of the new national curriculum schools are moving forward without levels.

Due to these National changes we are updating and clarifying the way in which home reading books will be selected and distributed.

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, those children following the Read Write Inc programme will be given individual reading books that are in line with the skills being taught through the programme at that time. They may also bring home a book that they are working on in class and further guidance for this will be provided later in the term. Those children in Year 1 and Year 2 that are not following the Read Write Inc programme will choose their own reading book with staff support from a selection that is appropriate to their ability in reading words and understanding the text.

In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 most children will choose their own reading book with staff support from a selection that is appropriate to their ability to read words and understand the reading material. Others will choose a book from a high level selection. These books cover a range of topics and issues as well as a range of abilities. Children will be able to choose a book that they feel will provide an appropriate challenge to their understanding. These children will also be encouraged to alternate these books with any other reading material that takes their interest outside of the reading scheme. This may be a book from a local library, a favourite magazine, a comic, a car manual, a recipe book or anything else that sparks their interest!

The colours marked on the school reading scheme books are no longer relevant. Children will move freely between appropriate books as determined by the class teacher. Please also note that children not only need to be able to read the text but also understand and explain it.

I trust in your continued support. We will keep you informed of further changes throughout the term.

Yours sincerely

Mr M A Barlow
Headteacher