



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new year at Glendale. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer.

This year we are continuing to teach phonics and reading through readwriteinc. It is a very structured scheme that teaches phonics and has reading books running along side it that are directly linked to the sounds that your child has learnt.

Each day your child will be involved in a reading and phonic lesson where they will practise known sounds, learn new sounds and read using all of this knowledge. When the children have become familiar with their book and have practised at school, they will bring a copy home to read to you. They will also bring a second book home that will reinforce the sounds that they are learning. Books will be changed every three to five days.

We would ask that you continue with the valued support that you give us by helping your child practice the sounds and words in the front, and at the back of the book and by hearing your child read from these books each evening. There are questions that you can ask your child at the back of each book. By the time your child brings each book home we would hope that they can read with some fluency, but if your child needs time to decode words please support them with this.

Every Friday your child will also choose a 'read to me' book from their class library for you to read to them.

All reading done with your child can be recorded in their home reading diary.

Children will be exposed to lots of other literature in class in various ways, these may include story times, literacy lessons and class or group reading sessions. We aim to support a love of reading that will continue to grow long into the future.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher and I am sure they will be able to help.

Many thanks.

Year One team.