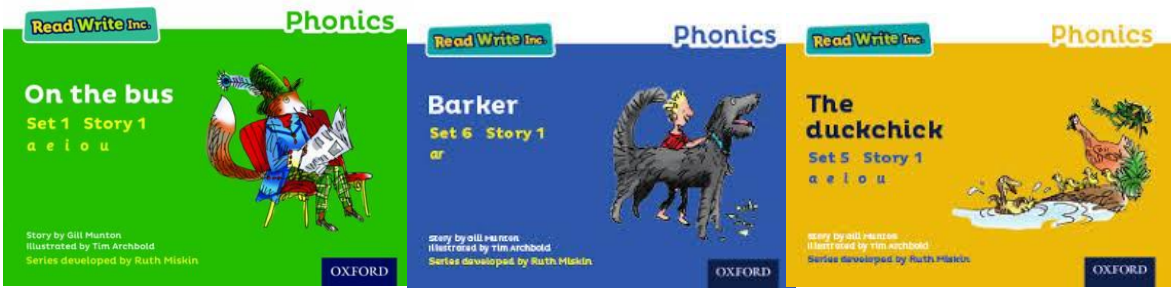

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

This year we have decided to introduce a new approach to teaching phonics and reading called readwriteinc. All staff have received training on how to deliver this new approach. 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. Books will be changed every three to five days. To begin with this will be the only book that your child will bring home with them, however, later on they will bring other books home that will help reinforce all that they have learned.

We would ask that you continue with the valued support that you give us by hearing your child read from the books sent home and by sharing other stories with them as you have always done. There are examples of questions that you can use with your child at the back of each book. By the time your child brings each book home we would hope that they can read the book fluently, but if your child needs time to decode words please support them with this.

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 sessions and class or group reading sessions.

As a school we are really excited about this new adventure with reading and we are hoping that it not only helps develop your child's reading ability but also their love of books.

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.

Miss J. Robinson (literacy lead)