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Dear Parent/Carer

As many of you may be aware, at Parkside Primary Academy, we use the scheme Read Write Inc to teach your child to read. We have previously invested in some new books for your child to read at home. These engaging texts will support and complement your children's reading practice at home with the phonics they are learning in school. The books are uniquely matched to the phonics program we use and therefore reinforce the learning of phonics at the appropriate level, helping them to make rapid progress in their reading.

This week your child has come home with their first Read Write Inc 'Book Bag Book'. At the start of each book there is guidance for parents about reading at home, along with some 'Story Green Words' which are made up of sounds your child has already learnt and a selection of 'Red words' which you cannot sound out. As with the Read Write Inc books we read in school there are questions to answer about the story at the back too. Although at times, it can seem repetitive the idea is that you read your home reading book at least three times as this will support the development of a fluent reading style with appropriate expression.

Along with an RWI story book you will find a green 'phonics book'. In this book you will find QR codes. These QR codes are direct links to a 'virtual classroom' by Read Write Inc, focusing on a sound or activity your child has been learning in school. All you need to do is scan the QR code with a phone/tablet and you will be taken to your own additional phonics lesson to watch at home. This is to help consolidate what your child has been learning in school.

In order for this program to work, the children must have their reading book in school **every day**. This book will be changed at the same time as their Read Write Inc book is changed in class.

Finally, we understand that accidents do happen, and sometimes books are lost, but we do need to replace each damaged or lost book otherwise there wouldn't be any books left for the children to take home. We want to look after our books and have them for years to come to help our children become fluent and confident readers. If something does happen to school books while they are at home, please let your child's class teacher know the name of the book which has been lost/damaged and you will be asked to pay at the school office for the cost of a replacement book.

Yours sincerely

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