

24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

*Boston St. Mary's*  
RC PRIMARY ACADEMY

**Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme**

Previously at St Mary's, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took home a 'book banded' book (red, blue, lime etc.). Current research and advice from the Department for Education (DfE) shows that book band systems no longer support children in the best way to be successful readers and do not encourage a true love of reading. We take pride in being up to date with educational policies and practices and we always put the children at the heart of every decision we make. We firmly believe that this change in approach is in the best interest of the children.

Therefore, as your child(ren) reach the Red Ditty stage of the Read Write Inc. phonics programme, they will bring home a folder containing a:

- Read Write Inc. book bag book each week which is matched to their phonic ability
- Read Write Inc black and white story book, that they have read in school that week
- A Pleasure of reading book to share with an adult at home from a selection of age-appropriate books instead of a book banded book.

The pleasure for reading books are aimed to develop a love of reading; pupils may not necessarily be able to read these by themselves. This is why these books are aimed to be 'sharing' books to read together with an adult and explore together.

Once your child receives their folder, please ensure the plastic folder and RWI books are returned to school **daily**, these will then be changed weekly.

There will be a RWI workshop for parents of children in Reception. The workshop will take place on **Monday 30th January at 3.25pm in the Year 2 classroom.**

**If you would like to attend the workshop, please click the link below and complete the online form.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/Udx42DMAYk>

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Clayton & Mr Heath  
Class Teacher's



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