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Dear Families,

Decodable Books

I am pleased to inform you that we have now got decodable home reading books in year 1. For the time being, your child will no longer bring home the sharing book, instead they will bring home a book that is matched to their secure phonics knowledge. This means that they should be able to read the book at a rate of 90% fluency (i.e. they only sound and blend one word in ten).

Please sit with your child and listen to them read. Ideally, they should read the same book in full on 3 different occasions, each time might last approximately 10 minutes. In the back of the book, there is guidance on how to do each part:

- Decoding - The first time, children decode the words and you discuss their meaning where necessary
- Prosody - The second time they re-read the book with more fluency (not sounding out and blending) and expression
- Comprehension - The third time they answer questions by finding them in the text

Your child will continue to read to an adult at least 3 times every week in school. However, your child should be reading at least **3 times a week, every week at home**. The class teacher will speak to you if this is not the case, to see if they can offer you support.

Your child can continue to read Big Cat Online if they choose (as long as they read one decodable book each week). You can record the decodable book 3 times in the home reading record.

If you need any support with reading with your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. There is additional information on our website on the phonics page, entitled Parent Information Guide.

Yours sincerely,

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