



## New Reading Scheme

When children return to school after October half term we will be using a new reading scheme.

**Big Cat Books** provide structured practice for children learning to blend. These books will be used in Reception until children are able to move onto Book Bag Books.

**Book Bag Books** are closely matched to Read Write Inc. phonics work to reinforce classroom learning of phonics, helping children to make even faster progress in reading. Book Bag Books are part of the Read Write Inc. phonics programme used in Reception and Year 1. The programme is designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers and keen writers.

Information Guide: Read Write Inc. Introducing the Book Band Books

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGsqPohuALo&list=PLWDpen99Aj5c4\\_uBZsCyTzSIDIPsyPLR&index=6&region=international](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGsqPohuALo&list=PLWDpen99Aj5c4_uBZsCyTzSIDIPsyPLR&index=6&region=international)

**Rising Stars Books** have been specifically purchased for Year 2 children, although Reception and Year 1 children are also able to access these books. Year 2 children are too far on in their phonics journey to swap to Read Write Inc. phonics teaching. This would create confusion in how sounds are learned. Year 2 continue to use 'Letters and Sounds' as a basis for their phonics teaching <https://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>. Rising Stars books closely match Letters and Sounds. Year 2 children will initially read these books until around level 10 and will then move onto **Oxford Reading Tree**.

**Reception** – Reception children will bring home a Big Cat book after half term. They will move onto Book Bag Books as soon as they are able.

**Year 1** – Year 1 children have been given Reading Planet books to take home. They will swap these for Book Bags Books when they change their books after half term.

**Year 2** – Year 2 children will all bring home either a Reading Planet book or Oxford Reading Tree Book after half term.