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Dear Parents/Carers,

Now the children are settled back into the school routine and bringing reading books home, I would like to explain a bit more about the reading scheme we use at Langshott.

Your child should be bringing home one or two Rhino Reader books each week. Their reading ability will determine how many books they bring home. The first reading book is at the level expected for a child of their age and matches the learning in class. If your child is working below the level expected for their age, they will take home a second Rhino Reader book which they can access independently.

Rhino Readers support your child's fluency in reading, embedding previously taught phonics and tricky words (common exception words in Years 1 & 2). For this reason, the children read a sub level behind the class phonics level being taught. For example, a child being taught 4a phonics will be taking home a 3c Rhino Reader book. Please see the table below for an overview of phonics level and Rhino Reader levels.

The children keep their Rhino Reader book for a week, helping to embed skills. There will also be some repetition of text throughout the year, this will again help embed previous learning and support fluency.

In order to progress to the next Rhino Reader Level, children are required to answer comprehension questions in class to demonstrate an understanding of what they have read.

At the back of each Rhino Reader book are 'after reading' comprehension questions. It is important to ask your child these questions each time they read. As they have this book for a week, please ask them a selection of questions each day, even if they only read part of the book each day.

Year Group	Phonics Level	Rhino Reader Book
R	1	
	2a	
	2b	2a
	2c	2b
	3a	2c
	3b	3a
	3c	3b
	4a	3c
	4b	4a
	4c	4b
1	5a	4c 5a First Step
	5b	5a
	5c	5b
2	6a	5c
	6b	6a
	6c	6b
3	Recap level 6C phonics consolidation	6c

In addition to Rhino Reader books, your child will also bring home a library book. This is their reading for pleasure book which they have chosen themselves and can be changed regularly. At Langshott, we want all children to develop a life-long love of reading. This begins with children enjoying and listening to a range of high-quality texts. Reading together and sharing books will support your child's enjoyment of reading.

Listening to your child read every day significantly supports the progress they make, not just in reading but across the curriculum.

If you have any question about your child's reading, this can be discussed during parents' consultation evenings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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are more likely to
do better at school
and make more
progress across
the curriculum**

