

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are in the process of purchasing an exciting new reading programme for free readers in KS2. This will allow teachers to assess children's progress and monitor their reading closely even after they have completed the book bands.

In the meantime, we have been individually assessing children in Year Three to establish what reading level they are on the existing reading scheme. In order to ensure that children are being challenged by their choice of reading book, teachers will be asking them to choose books from the appropriate section of the school library until they progress through the Sapphire band (which is equivalent to a reading age of 11.5 years) and can be classed as KS2 'free readers.'

We are aware that some children in Year Three are currently reading books of their choice from the school library and that they may now be given a new reading level. As a result, we have spent money buying new books to ensure that the children have a wide choice of stories to read for each reading band, many of which are novels by popular authors.

The brand new reading programme for KS2 should be ready to launch after Christmas and we look forward to telling you more about it.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Patrick or your child's class teacher,

Thank you..