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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. At Cantley, we're committed to helping every child develop a love of reading and supporting them to grow into confident, capable readers. The books your child brings home, especially their phonics and reading scheme books, are an important part of this journey.

Decodable phonics books are specifically chosen to match the sounds your child is currently learning in school. By practising with these books, your child builds fluency and confidence at just the right level for their stage of reading. This approach ensures they make steady progress without feeling overwhelmed or stuck. It's so important that children are able to access books at the right stage to help them succeed and enjoy reading.

To make sure every child has access to the books they need, we've put a system in place to track borrowed books. Each phonics phase and reading band has a limited number of books that are **shared across the school, so it's really important that books are returned promptly**. If books aren't returned, it can mean another child misses out on having the right resources to practise their reading.

To help with this, we've introduced a simple reminder system. If a book hasn't been returned, we'll send home a friendly reminder slip to let you know. If the book is still missing after a second reminder, we'll arrange to have a quick chat to see if there's anything we can do to help. Each book costs the school around £4.75, so it is really important that they are returned.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making sure that all our children have access to the books they need. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to practise, progress and enjoy their reading journey. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like advice about supporting reading at home, please feel free to get in touch – we're always happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Shefa Roberts
Interim Head of School Cantley

