



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils,

I wanted to update you on your children's early reading learning so far this term.

At Penpol, we use the **Read Write Inc.** scheme to ensure that every child receives tailored, fast-paced and fun support which supports excellent progress as an early reader. Since implementing the programme, all teachers and support staff working with our youngest pupils are directly involved in delivering daily phonics teaching and we are delighted with the sustained progress that children have made.

- So far this term, the children have been learning phonics and spelling in their classes, allowing them to settle and feel comfortable in their new learning environments. Children are currently invited to bring two 'free choice' books home to enjoy. These books are not directly matched to children's reading readiness.
- From next week, children in Years 1 and 2 will begin to learn the phonics and spellings elements of Read Write Inc. in their new groups. These groups are reviewed and updated half-termly in response to ongoing assessments.
- From the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, children in Years 1 and 2 will be bringing home books that are matched to their current level of reading confidence. We would be very grateful if you could support your child to practise reading these books themselves at home please, the more praise and encouragement the better!
- Children in Reception classes are currently enjoying the 'Route Through Reception' approach, involving small group sessions as a part of the whole class. Typically, they are confident enough to be placed in their new Read Write Inc. groups at or around the October half-term break.
- Throughout their early reading journey, your support at home is invaluable. Your child's teachers will support you with advice and resources linking to our Read Write Inc. scheme. A little later in the term, we will be running workshops for you to attend if you wish. Please also continue to read to your child. It is this modelling which can make such a difference to children's readiness to read themselves.

As ever, if you have any questions or would appreciate further support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

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*"Penpol pupils are **curious, creative and courageous** learners. Our school community believes in **authenticity** as the foundations of **deep-rooted** learning. Through our **rich and relevant** curriculum, we nurture **community-minded, forward-facing** international citizens of the future."*