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Reading



Dear Parents & Carers

At Holmesdale we are constantly reviewing what we offer to the children in all areas of the curriculum to ensure that we provide our children the very best. This year we are making some slight adjustments to our reading offer. At the moment the children progress through the book band colours during their time with us. These books bands are completely aligned with the phonic phases that the children are working on in school. This year however we are removing the colour bands and instead the children's books will be phonic phases. The books the children have are matched to their phonic attainment (this has always been the case). Your child will as before have a book that is fully decodable to them. Your child has not been moved and this change will have no effect on the children apart from them saying, "I am on a phase 2 book not a pink book."

When your child successfully finishes the phonic programme they will then move to a purple coloured book and the colour band system will return. We have made this change in order to better align our reading books with our assessment.

Later in the year the way we deliver reading will see some changes too.

Yours Sincerely

Sarah Lockwood  
Headteacher