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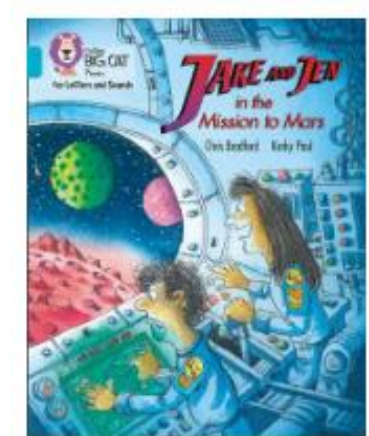
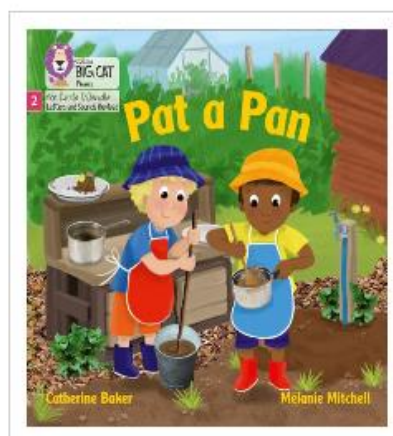
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Exciting news about home reading!

We are writing to share some exciting news about reading at ACE. We have recently invested a substantial amount of money in new reading books which we are really looking forward to sharing with your children. This letter explains the changes to the organisation of our reading books and will explain which books you can expect your child to be bringing home to share with you.

My child has daily phonics lessons in school, what will their home reading be?

As you are aware, we use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised to teach phonics and early reading. As part of this approach, your child will be reading a decodable book in class three times per week. **Your child will be able to read this book to you when they bring it home.**



In order to provide a wide range of reading experiences, your child will also select a book from the class reading area to take home. These books have been selected to meet the needs and interests of the children in the class. These will take the place of the Oxford Reading Tree books, which we will no longer be using in school. **Please read this book with your child.**



My child is a more fluent reader who no longer needs to read using phonics, what will their home reading be?

We have reviewed our current colour banding system of books and have replaced this with a more focussed choice of books within each class reading area. This means that your child has a selection of books to choose from which are appropriately levelled and which cover a range of genres and areas of interest.



Your child will start to bring these new books home this week. Please continue to support your child at home with reading; encouraging them to share their book with you and talk about it. **Please also encourage your child to look after our new books so that they remain in a good condition for many more children to enjoy.**

What can I do if I have a question about home reading?

If you have any questions about home reading please let us know in one of the following ways:

- By speaking to your child's class teacher.
- By e mail – info@ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk marking your message for the attention of Mrs Williams, English Leader.
- By attending a 'reading drop in session' in the hall at one of these times:
Tuesday 7th March at 8.30 am
Tuesday 14th March at 3.10 pm

Thank you for continuing to support your child's reading at home. We are keen to receive feedback from you about the new home reading system and will send a survey link early in the Summer term for you to share your views.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Williams
Assistant Headteacher and English Leader