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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the new term commences we will be continuing to support your child to learn to read and write. At Milton, we will now be using the Sounds-Write linguistic phonics programme. This is a programme that will be introduced to all children from EYFS up to Year 3 and will be used in both whole class and small groups. There will soon be an information PowerPoint on our school website for further information, as unfortunately we are unable to host a parent information session at this time.

There is a free, online course, specially designed by Sounds-Write for parents and carers of children. It is directed towards those with children in EYFS, but as this a new programme for us at Milton, we think it a useful course. The course, called 'Help your child to read and write', will explain what your child will be learning and will help you support your child.

The course contains lots of short videos showing exactly what to do, and it also includes advice and help about where to correct the sorts of common errors children make. If you would like to see a preview of the course, click here: <https://www.udemy.com/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>
Part 2 of the course has recently also been free although this may change back to a paid course soon. This is called 'Help your child to read and write – Part 2'

There will be some changes to the books which your child will bring home. They will have 2 books, one aligned to the sound they have been learning in school, which your child should be able to read independently and another book for sharing. The content of this sharing book may vary and will be chosen by your child for enjoyment and engagement. Previously in school, we have used the colour band system for reading books. Colour banding will no longer apply and your child will not be allocated a colour banded book. To ensure these books are still enjoyed, they will be included in our choice for sharing. Please ignore any colour banding on the book as these are irrelevant.

We have purchased new books and resources to support our teaching of Sounds-Write and as mentioned the books are carefully aligned to our teaching. We need to ensure that our book stock remains complete and therefore will need to ask for a reimbursement of £2.50 per book should any book be lost or damaged.

Kind regards

Mr Hazlehurst