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Dear Parents and Carers,

My name is Mr Justin Lee and I am the new English Leader at Walter Infant School. I am sure many of you are aware we are now using Guided Reading as the prime method for teaching children to read at Walter Infant School. This method is used by many schools and considered best practice for the teaching of reading.

We are no longer using, or referring, to 'stages'; we have adopted 'book banding', which is graded in colours. Each colour band covers a breadth of genres and a variety of topics to interest the children. The books within each band do not need to be read in any particular order. The book bands are listed below.

Your child has assessed by their class teacher and assigned a colour band. The children will bring books home to read along with a reading diary. Please use this diary to communicate when you, or another adult, have read with your child. Usually they will take home an easier read than they are reading in school with a teacher. This is to allow for a comfortable and pleasant read. We encourage you to ask questions before, during and after the reading and to discuss the book with the children.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to approach your child's class teacher, myself or Mrs Wheeler.

Kind regards,

Mr Justin Lee
English Subject Lead

Pink
Red
Yellow
Blue
Green
Orange
Turquoise
Purple
Gold
White
Lime



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