



At Kirkhill we are #PROUD of our school community. Everyone is encouraged to be creative, strive for excellence and be inspired to attain, achieve and be their best.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a result of a review of our literacy provision, we have recently purchased the Collins Big Cats reading programme for use across the school. Our learners are excited to share these with you! Next week, your child will take their first Big Cat book home for reading practice in a named plastic pocket. Guidance and instructions will be shared in class blogs online.



The new reading programme aims to support the development of fluency and reading for meaning by engaging our learners through the visually appealing texts which span a variety of genre, including non-fiction texts.

A specific aim of the programme is to introduce new vocabulary in each text to enhance and enrich our learner's understanding of what they read. In class, our learners are introduced to the words, carry out vocabulary-related activities and are encouraged to use them in other contexts. You might like to discuss the new words with your child as you share the books to support their vocabulary development.

There is 'Ideas for Reading' guidance at the back of each book, and although this is written with teachers in mind, you may find the 'getting started' and 'reading and responding' sections helpful in discussing the text with your child.

As the new books are very precious to us, we would greatly appreciate your support in looking after them by making sure they are returned to the school safely in the named pocket provided. The books are expensive and we would like to keep each set of texts intact. It is a good idea to keep the book in your child's schoolbag when not in use, as there will be times when the book may be needed in class.

Happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

Pam King



UNCRC Article 28

Every child has the right to an education.

UNCRC Article 29

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

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