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Two reading books will be sent home once a week.

As your child progresses through Year 1, it is important they develop their skills and confidence in reading. Children at The Willow access the Read Write Inc. programme (RWI) which supports reading through learning phonics and applying this knowledge to then segment and blend words they are unable to read. As always we encourage parents to continue reading with children at home as this is an important tool for your child to access all areas of their learning. Tips include encouraging your child to sound our words and questioning your child about their understanding of a text. Please sign the yellow reading record at least **three times a week**.

Trips

Currently, we can only go on local school trips either by coach or bus. We will be in touch if we arrange a trip in the local area.

Thank you for your on-going support.

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