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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very proud to tell you that your child has today received their first reading book!

The book does not contain any words but has wonderful pictures and suggestions for things to talk about and questions to ask your child. Wordless picture books are valuable tools for literacy development as they engage children regardless of reading level, in prediction, critical thinking and storytelling. Guiding your child's interaction with a wordless book can also develop a richer vocabulary and greater understanding of story structure. At this stage, reading is about enjoying books, learning to turn the pages correctly, using pictures to tell stories, answering questions and discussing characters and their feelings.

Here are some suggestions on how to read a wordless book with your child:

- 1) Begin by looking at the cover. What can you see? What clues to the story does the cover show?
- 2) Read the title. Does the title give you any ideas for what the story might be about? Make predictions about the story based on the cover illustration and title.
- 3) Take a picture walk. Look through the pages of the book with the sole purpose of enjoying the pictures. Talk about anything that captures your attention.
- 4) 'Read' the story. You might go first, inviting your child to add to your story as they see fit. Don't be afraid to tell your story with dramatic flair! Add sound effects and interesting voices that suit the characters of your tale.
- 5) Encourage your child to tell you, their own version of the story.
- 6) Ask questions about the book. What was your favourite illustration? Do you have a favourite part of the story or character? Can you remember a time when you felt like the character or have been in a similar situation?
- 7) Please encourage your child to use a full sentence in their answer e.g. 'What can you see two of?' 'I can see two flowers.'

We recommend that you read a couple of pages per day, as there will be so much to talk about! We will change the book once a week on Fridays. Please look after the books and do not let your child draw in them and ask them to take care when turning the pages. We would appreciate if you could record a comment in the Reading Record Book when you have read with your child.

Have fun reading with your child and enjoy helping them on their journey to a world of imagination!