

04/03/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break and it has been lovely to see all the children back in school and working hard. This letter is for Mrs Allan's, Miss Taylor's, Miss Fortune's and Mrs Heys and Mrs Madigan's class.

Home Reading in EYFS and KS1

We have recently purchased some new reading books and have spent the past few weeks carefully assessing the children to make sure that they are reading a book that closely matches their phonics ability.

Supporting your child's reading

The children have been placed into reading groups matched to their phonics ability. They will read in a small group with an adult 3 times a week. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home

All children will bring home **TWO** books:

READING PRACTICE BOOK: this has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please do not worry that it's too easy - your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise - celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Your child might not have a new book every week, it may need to be the same book if your child needs to develop fluency.

SHARING BOOK: In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen from our school library to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect them to read this on their own. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for characters, and explore the facts in the non-fiction books. The main thing is that you have fun together!

We will be assessing the children every 6 weeks, so reading books may change phase from time to time according to the assessment outcome.

Home Reading Diary

Please comment as and when you have read with your child at home. We would encourage you to try and read the reading practise book at least 5 times a week and share another book as many times as possible.

Loss or Damage

We appreciate that accidents happen from time to time but replacement reading books are costing our school a lot of money every year (Over £700 in the last 12 months). Therefore, we will be asking for £5 replacement cost for any lost or damaged books. Please encourage your child to respect books and school property.

Water bottles

From Monday 7th March, your child will no longer need to bring a water bottle into school. Each child will have their own cup that they can use throughout the day to have a drink. Water will always be available.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Cox and Miss Warburton