



Friday 4th October, 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child should now have taken home a reading book and a reading record book. With these, there should also be a booklet giving ideas for ways in which you can support your child at home. Please take some time to read through this - some things you may already do, but there may also be other ways that you can support your child in learning to read at home. Learning to read is an integral part of EYFS and a child's ability to read successfully has a huge impact on the rest of their school life and education.

We would encourage you to share the school reading books with your child at least 2/3 times a week. Initially, most children won't be able to recognise many letter sounds or words, so focus on the pictures. Talk about each picture with your child, discussing what the picture is or what is happening. You could try to tell a story through the pictures. As we begin to learn more sounds in phonics, encourage your child to look at the sounds in the words and see whether they can recognise them. As your child becomes more confident, they will begin to say all the sounds in a word and will then gradually learn to blend those sounds to say the word.

Within school, we aim to read with your child once a week. Your child will read with a member of the EYFS team or a volunteer.

As well as the school reading book, your child will also bring home a book from our school library. EYFS visit the library every two weeks to explore the books and relax in our lovely new library. Whilst there, the children will return any books that they have borrowed and choose a new one. All library books are scanned out under each child's name and then scanned back in when they return it. Please encourage your child to keep their library books safe and in their book bag at all times so they do not get mislaid or damaged.

As well as books from school, please encourage your child to read anything - from books, newspapers and labels at home to signs, road markings and shop fronts when you are out and about!

With this letter, is a booklet which lists some useful websites and apps that you could also use with your child to support them with their reading and phonics learning at home.

Please speak to us if you have any questions.

Many Thanks

Mrs Stephen and Miss Peel