



Reading at home

Your child has shown that they can now blend confidently and are now ready to start reading a book containing words. We will send a book home with your child that matches their secure phonic knowledge. Please find a quiet 10 minutes each day to read with your child. Regular reading practice at home is important for consolidating skills being taught at school.

When your child reads, encourage them to sound out the phonically regular words (e.g. c-a-t). The irregular common words, sometimes referred to as 'tricky words', e.g. 'the', cannot be accurately sounded out so you may need to tell your child these words and ask them to repeat them back to you. Tricky word flash cards will be placed in your child's reading pack as and when they are taught at school for practice at home. Once your child has read a sentence, please read it back to them to ensure that they have understood what they have read.

Some of the books have activities for you to carry out with your child before and after reading. It is important that your child does these as they will extend your child's reading skills.

Please read the book with your child several times, so that after decoding the words and sounding out, they begin to read the words in the book fluently. Help your children to read with prosody, reading with understanding and expression, by modelling and talking about the text together.

You will also find a 'Reading Record Book' which will be used to track your child's reading progress. Please complete the comments section each time your child reads at home with you. Once they have finished a book and are able to read it with some fluency, we will change it for them on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please keep the Reading Record Book, book, tricky words and wallet together and bring them to school each day.

It is important that reading sessions are relaxed and enjoyable, so please avoid reading when your child is particularly tired. If you have any questions or want any guidance on how to read with your child, please let us know and we can arrange to talk to you.

Thank you.