



Reading at Home

Reading at home is one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. Regular reading helps children to develop **confidence, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension**, as well as fostering a lifelong love of reading.

Each week, your child will bring home **one book carefully matched to the graphemes and sounds they have been learning in school**. This book should be **fully decodable**, meaning that your child should be able to use the phonics they have been taught to sound out and read the words independently.

Please aim to read this book at least four times across the week. Re-reading is really important! The first few times, your child may need to sound out words carefully. With repeated reading, they will become more familiar with the words and sentences, allowing them to read with greater **accuracy, confidence and fluency**. The ELS programme recommends around **10 minutes of reading each day**, where possible.

As we are only just getting to know your child and their individual reading needs, **we may not always get the book level exactly right to begin with**. Please don't worry if you find the book too easy or too challenging. **Let us know on the reading form** so that we can use your feedback to make sure the books we send home are appropriately matched to your child.

After reading, please **complete the reading form each time**. This gives us valuable information about how your child is managing their book at home and helps us to monitor their progress and make the right choices for future books.

The form can be found on google classrooms. The log-ins for this have been put inside of the children's homework books. It is best accessed through google chrome and remember to sign out of google if you are already signed in as someone else. If you have any problems accessing this or with the form please let me know and I will see what I can do to help you,

Reading for pleasure is just as important! Alongside the school reading book, please feel free to share any other books your child enjoys. You can read to your child, take turns reading, talk about the pictures and characters, or encourage your child to read any words they recognise or can decode. These shared reading experiences help children develop a love of books and reading from the very beginning.

Thank you for working with us to support your child on their journey towards becoming a confident, fluent and enthusiastic reader!

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