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Dear Parents/Carers.

We are extremely proud of our Reception children and how they are adapting quickly to their new classroom environment, and the relationships they are building with staff and their peers.

You will have noticed that your child has been provided with a 'Busy Bag' in their green bookbag. Their Busy Bag contains a reading book, reading record, bookmark and other tasks to complete at home. Please ensure these are all returned to school in your child's bookbag.

This letter outlines a little more information about our school reading scheme.

Staff work quickly to assess the children and match home reading tasks to their ability. We will send home reading material to match your child's ability. This may look like:



- **Nursery rhyme cards** – enjoy singing these with your child

These develop children interest in rhyme and introduce vocabulary.

- **Read to your child books** – adults and older siblings can read these fiction and non-fiction books to the children and encourage the children to answer questions about what they have heard.

These develop understanding of stories, characters and new vocabulary

- **Discussion books** – these books don't have words; adults should encourage children to talk about the pictures/photographs and explain what is happening in the book.

These develop language and comprehension



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- **Sound blending books** – These are matched to your child’s phonic knowledge- please encourage your child to blend the individual sound into words.



These develop blending skills – children begin to blend the individual sounds together to read simple words. (phonics)

- **Reading books** – These books will continue to support to blend sounds together to read, practise reading tricky words, demonstrate comprehension and build up their reading fluency and expression.

Develop reading skills

Please sign your child’s reading record at least once a week. Record any other stories they have enjoyed at home in their reading record too. Children will receive a sticker on their bookmark. At the end of the academic year the child with the most stickers will get a special reward.

In Reception we invite parents and carers to join us in the classroom every Tuesday morning for “Read with my Parent”. This session lasts for 10-15 minutes to share your child’s reading book with them at school. **This will begin on Tuesday 17th September.** We showcase a range of reading events throughout the school year and encourage our children and families to maximise their reading skills and develop a lifelong love of reading.

If you need further information about your child’s reading or our Read with my Parent sessions please ask Mrs Cowern, Mrs Rehman or Mrs Phillips.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Phillips

Early Years Phase Leader



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