



Reading at home

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading regularly at home is one of the most valuable ways you can support your child's learning. Regular reading practice helps to develop not only reading skills, but also spelling, vocabulary, comprehension and writing.

Your child will bring home a school reading book that has been carefully matched to their current reading ability. We ask that you read with your child as regularly as possible and record this in their reading record.

As children move through Year 2, they may not be heard reading individually in school as frequently as they were in previous years. This is because one-to-one reading takes a significant amount of teacher and teaching assistant time. Instead, we encourage children to read regularly at home and to take increasing responsibility for changing their own reading books when needed. We will continue to remind and encourage them to do this.

Please be assured that reading remains a key focus in school. Children will read a range of texts during lessons and take part in activities that develop their comprehension and understanding of what they read. We will continue to teach reading skills, discuss texts and support children in becoming confident, thoughtful readers. Some children still benefit from additional daily reading practice to develop fluency, confidence and phonics skills. We will continue to work closely with these children in school to provide the support they need and help them make good progress.

Please continue to read with your child regularly, even if they are becoming a more confident reader. We also encourage children to read independently and to enjoy a range of reading materials, including fiction, non-fiction, magazines, comics and information books. Any reading practice helps to build fluency, understanding and a love of reading.

Thank you for your continued support. The time you spend reading with your child at home really does make a difference and helps to build a lifelong love of reading.

