

Year 1 Readers

As we progress through Year 1, children will continue to learn and apply new phonics within their reading books. There will be a broader range of vocabulary and red words. Your child will gain in confidence, speed, fluency and accuracy within their reading. Children will begin to develop a love of reading which we will encourage and foster. All children will be expected to demonstrate a good understanding of what they have read.

In school, we will prioritise reading wherever possible. Your child will be heard reading by an adult in a variety of different situations: 121, whole class and small groups.

Every week your child will bring home a shared reader. This book is an opportunity for your child to practise any phonics that they are currently learning. This book will be changed by your child's class teacher.

During the year your child will also start to bring home a coloured and levelled reading for pleasure book that is matched to their phonics and word knowledge and may contain new words for them to practise. This book can be changed by your child in school once they are confident and fluent at reading the text. Children will move on through these reading levels as they progress with their reading skills. This will be regularly assessed by their class teachers.

Please continue to support your child by hearing them read at least 3 times a week. Please record any reading at home in your child's reading record, as it is incredibly beneficial for us to hear your feedback.

It is really important that your child has a clear understanding of what they have read.

You could try some of the following to help your child during and after reading:

1. Practise reading any new words – go back to the word to help your child remember
2. Discuss the meaning of new vocabulary
3. Look at the front cover and discuss what the book could be about
4. Who are the main characters in the story?
5. What do you think will happen next?
6. How do you think the character feels and why?
7. Can you predict how the story will end?
8. Can you retell the story?