

## How to help your child

- ◆ Hear your child read on a regular basis
- ◆ Read to your child

(Even older children benefit from hearing stories.)

- ◆ Join the library
- ◆ Write a comment in your child's reading diary
- ◆ Play rhyming games with younger children

Your child will have a book mark or a sheet in their reading diaries with the reading expectations for their year group. These are learning elements the class teacher will focus on this year.

Author question prompts. Can they go back to the text and find the answer?

- By writing in this way, what effect has the author created?
- What does the word...tell you about...? Does the author use another word to do the same?

Inference question prompts. To look for clues in the text to answer questions when the answer is not there.

- Can you explain why...?
- Which words give you the impression that...?
- Why do you think... acted in that way?

Prediction question prompts.

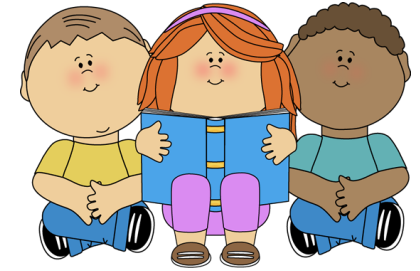
- How do you think the setting will influence how the story develops?
- How is this character like someone you know in real life? Would they act in the same way?

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## The Importance of Reading

We all realise the importance of reading and understand that as an adult, life would be very challenging if we couldn't read.

In school, children develop and use their reading skills in all areas of the curriculum. In History and Geography children read about people and places and then using that information to write a report. In Mathematics, children read questions and word problems before they are able to solve them. In Science, children read to develop their scientific knowledge and widen their vocabulary.

An ability to read confidently, fluently and with understanding, allows children to be exposed to a broad and wide-ranging curriculum beyond primary school.



Community



Respect



Perseverance

## How Reading is Taught

As children begin in our nursery they will have daily phonic lessons where they are taught that letters have corresponding sounds. They play games linked to sound and letter recognition and sing songs to help them to hear rhyme and repetition. Children develop an interest in books and build on language development during daily story time.

Children in Reception continue to be taught phonics as they learn more letter sounds and names. Children begin to blend sounds together to read simple words such as t-a-p tap. Children learn where two letters make one sound for example; sh-i-p ship.

Sharing stories is still an important part of learning but children will also begin to have their own reading books so that they can apply their learning of phonics and develop blending skills. Individual reading books match children's phonic knowledge and enables fluency in blending sounds to read simple words.

As children enter Key Stage One, they continue to have daily phonic lessons and learn more complex letter families. They learn that there are alternative ways of making the same sound such as ee seen and ea bean.

Children will have a dedicated daily reading lesson where, over the course of the week they will read with a teacher, teaching assistant and independently. Children will have an individual reading book which will be specifically matched to their reading ability. They will also have a guided reading book, which will be kept in school. This book will be matched to the band above which they are reading in order to provide challenge.

In Key stage Two children will continue to have a daily dedicated reading session which will include over a week, reading to the teacher, reading to a teaching assistant and independent reading. Children will also have a reading task to complete which will develop their comprehension skills, asking them to retrieve information, explain an event or give their opinion about what they have read.

All children throughout the school will have stories read to them by an adult as this provides important exposure to language, models reading skills and most importantly, develops a love of reading.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss