

Home Reading Guidance

Reading is an important skill to learn and benefits your child's development in many ways.

In school we have a Reading Scheme for children **who are still developing their early reading skills**. This means that children's books will reflect their phonics ability.

Research suggests that when books are closely matched children become more confident readers and enjoyment levels increase as a result.

The new books will be labelled **Independent Read** this is because children should be able to read the book with 95% accuracy to an adult.

Books will only be changed once a week. This is to allow your child to read the books more than once. Each time please encourage your child to focus on a different target:

First Time Reading	Decoding (Blending and Segmenting unknown words)
Second Time Reading	Fluency (reading with pace)
Third Time Reading	Expression
Fourth Time Reading	Understanding (deduction) <i>the act of drawing logical conclusions based on the information given in a text</i>
Fifth Time Reading	Understanding (inference) <i>allows someone to reach a conclusion based on evidence or reasoning</i>

The above will be a bookmark placed in your child's Independent Read for your reference and to act as a reminder.

Alongside your child's phonics book, they will also take home a colour banded book of their choice (within the relevant band). This book will be labelled **Enjoyment**. Although your child will be able to read some of the words in this book they will need adult support as it is not matched exactly to their phonics level, so please read this book with your child. This is an enjoyment book; therefore, you do not need to follow the same targets as above.

Please note that books will be closely monitored to ensure that they are returned as the school has invested a great deal of money to provide the excellent reading provision.

Reading Logs

Please complete our online reading log when listening to your child read so their teacher is aware of the progress they are making at home and how best to further support their learning in class. Reading logs can be accessed in the parent section of our school website or via the link in *MarvellousMe*.

It would help us if you could complete their Reading Log each Friday. The expectation is for children to read at home for **at least 10 minutes a day during the school week**. When your

child has completed their book, please mention this in the further comments box. Teachers will respond to comments via the *MarvellousMe* app when relevant to do so.

If you have any questions regarding your child's reading please do not hesitate to contact school.