



"Let your light shine"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following regulations from the DfE around the teaching of phonics, we follow a Systematic Synthetic Phonics programme called Essential Letters and Sounds, which is based on Letters and Sounds (2007). This phonics programme will support your children in making quick progress to become fluent and confident readers.

To best support us in teaching your child how to read, we ask that you read the decodable text provided by the school 4 times across the week. Spending 10 minutes a day reading with your child will hugely support them in their journey to becoming an independent reader.

We will be changing children's books once a week on Fridays; this allows your child to re-read each text several times to build their confidence and fluency. This is especially important as they begin to learn that the sounds within our language can be spelt in different ways. A key part of learning to read is children re-reading words and sentences that they can decode (sound out) until they are fluent (read with ease and precision). By reading texts several times, children have the greatest opportunity to achieve this fluency.

The texts sent home are carefully matched to the teaching taking place in school. Your child will be practising what they have been taught in school with you at home. We will only ask children to read books independently when they can decode these by themselves. Any books that are not yet decodable for the children will be a sharing book. These books are there for you to read with your child, helping us to instil a love of reading from the very beginning of their reading journey. These could be read together, with your child reading the words they are able to decode, or could be read to your child.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,

Miss Bennett and Mrs Gill
EYFS Teachers