



Reading Routine

Please aim to read the FFT Shared Reader and red word wallet for 10 minutes each day to give your child the regular practise they need. They will be familiar with the book as it has been taught during the week before it comes home on Friday. Getting into a reading routine where you do the reading at the same time each day is the most effective if you can manage it.

Structure your reading session:

- Read the title of the book and read through the green and red words on the inside cover.
- Ask your child to talk about what the book is about and make comparisons to your own experiences. If the book is about a zoo talk about when you visited the zoo.
- Please make sure that your child points to each word as they say it and turn the pages themselves. Independence is very important.
- Use your phonics to segment and blend, e.g. c_a_t – cat.
- Model using expression.
- Ask your child to read the decodable questions at the end of the book themselves and then answer them. Encourage them to answer in full sentences.

Keep reading bedtime stories to your child every day too because this exposure to language and a good model of reading is very important.

Red Word Wallet

The words in your word wallet are the 'red words' linked to our FFT reading scheme. These are phonetically irregular words (they cannot be decoded easily because they do not follow the usual phonic code) that pupils need to be able to read and spell. We will add new words as they are taught as part of our reading and phonics lessons. The new words will appear in the book the week they are taught.

Pupils should practise the words in their Word Wallet daily to build up their sight vocabulary. Please cut the words into flashcards.

School Library Books

Library day is Friday for Reception. Please make sure you bring your book to school on that day so that you can get a new one. Please enjoy reading your library book together at home.

Please make sure that all books and red word wallet are in your child's bags every day. We will collect Shared Readers in on Thursday and your child will bring their new book home on Friday.