

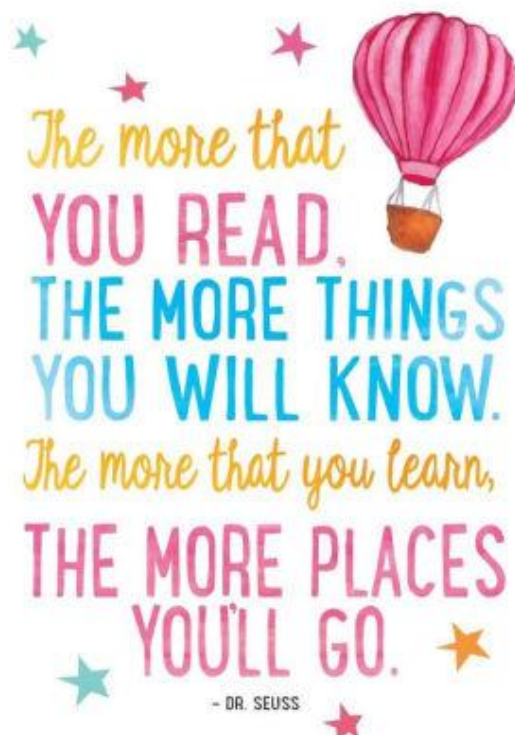


An Update on Reading in Our FS2 and at Home

The new EYFS Framework and the new Reading Framework have meant that practising **reading** with your **child at home** is more **important** than ever but there are some important changes to the way your child reads at home and at school.

Have a look inside for more details!

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



What has changed?

Phonics sessions and reading books

Your child's reading book will be more closely linked to what they are learning during Phonics at school.

~ Their reading book will only include the sounds they have learnt so far.



~ As they learn new sounds, the range of sounds in their reading books will also increase. This is to give your child confidence when decoding words

Importance and value of re-reading

Instead of reading a book once and then going onto a new book; parents are now asked to focus on re-reading books with their child.

~ This is because this is how words become familiar so that your child becomes a more confident and fluent reader.

~ Even focusing on a couple of pages so that your child can read, re-read and understand what they have read is much more effective than slowly sounding out every word in a book. Then try re-visiting the same pages the next day to see how much they have remembered!

'Most children have to decode a word several times in different contexts before it becomes familiar enough to read at a glance'

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Re-reading is key to developing fluency

'As children gain fluency, their motivation increases: they start to enjoy reading more and are willing to do more of it.'

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~ Fluency not only increases your child's motivation but it allows your child to understand what they have read. They need to be given time to re-read sentences so that they move on from sounding out every word to reading a sentence fluently and being able to talk about what they have read.

~ You can also model reading a sentence fluently to your child and give them time to read the same sentence after you.

10 Top Tips on Hearing Your Child Read at Home

As parents, you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to learn to read.

Here are some suggestions on how you can help to make this a positive experience:

- 1. Choose a quiet time** ~ Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.
- 2. Make reading enjoyable**~ Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Keep it manageable with a sentence or two if they are reluctant- or take it in turns to read a page!
- 3. Maintain the flow**~ If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction.
- 4. Be positive**~ If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but try 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.
- 5. Success is the key**~ Parents wanting their child to progress can mistakenly give a child a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they are wanting. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.
- 6. Model it**~ Model reading a sentence fluently to your child and give them time to read the same sentence after you.
- 7. Regular practice**~ Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best. Keep it manageable with a couple of sentences at a time. Remember re-reading is vitally important.
- 8. Phonics**~ Keeping up with the sounds your child is learning is Phonics is a brilliant way to help them read their books more accurately. Checking your child's Phonics folder regularly and revisiting the sounds they have learnt is a quick and easy way to develop their Phonics and reading skills.

9. Talk about the books~ There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

➤ **There are some great examples of questions to ask on the inside cover of your child's Reading Record!**

10. Re-reading is important~ Remember children need to experience words and sentences more than once to become fluent readers. Why not start by re-reading a sentence or two from the night before? Then move onto a new sentence ready to recap tomorrow.

And remember...



More information can be found:

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