Library Books





Introduction:

Your child will bring home two books each week. One is for your child to read to you and has been carefully chosen so that they can work out all the words. The other book is from the school library and has words your child may not be able to read yet. It is for you to read to your child and talk about together.

Each class has a set time when they visit the library, where they can change their library book. Please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure of the day your child visits the library.

How to read a story to your child:

If you can find the time beforehand, read-aloud the book to yourself first, so you can think about how you're going to read it to your child.

On the first reading:

• Make reading aloud feel like a treat. Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so you can both see the book.

• Show curiosity about what you're going to read: 'This book looks interesting. It's about an angry child. I wonder why he gets angry?'

• Read through the whole story the first time without stopping too much. Let the story weave its own magic.

• Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't. Read favourite stories over and over again.

On later readings:

• Let your child pause, think about and comment on the pictures.

• If you think your child did not understand something, try to explain: 'Oh! I think what's happening here is that…'

• Chat about the story and pictures: 'I wonder why she did that?'; 'Oh no, I hope she's not going to…'; 'I wouldn't have done that, would you?'

• Link the stories to your own family experiences: 'This reminds me of when …'

• Link stories to others that your child knows: 'Ah! Do you remember the dragon in ….? Do you remember what happened to him?'

• Encourage your child to join in with the bits they know.

• Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers

- Avoid telling children that reading stories is good for them.

If you have any further questions about your child's reading, do please speak to your child's class teacher.