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Reading Books and Phonics

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great having all children back in school, to see smiles on their faces and to hear laughter in the playground. As a team, we are keen to support children's progress in reading as well as developing their knowledge and use of phonics.

Reading Books

Pupils who regularly read at home and school make *considerably more progress in reading* and this also has a significant impact on their writing skills and overall vocabulary. Please support the school by hearing your child read each night or a minimum of four evenings a week to enable them to share books and achieve their reading certificates. It is, of course, important to read to your child as much as possible too, talking about the books and having as much fun and closeness as possible.

This term we will be encouraging the children to achieve their award for 25 reads. However, for the time being we will only be changing books once a week on a **Monday**. The children will be given 2/3 new books a week, signposted to an online platform to read 2 additional books and a picture book for you to read with them.

Please continue to write which books your child has read in their reading record, including those read on the online platforms listed below. Reading books can also be read more than once. When reading a book for the second time, children will learn more about the story itself and will often find out something new. They also become familiar and comfortable with a greater number of words. Please be aware that children might return home with book from a different reading level as we have not been able to track their progress during lockdown and need to plug gaps in their learning first. They may also be required to read books they have read before.

Most of you will be familiar with the online platforms below to access reading books for your child. If not, please follow the instructions to access the online reading material.

Phonics Bug

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

Follow the link and log in using your child's individual log in. These will be sent home in your child's reading record. Please bear in mind passwords may have changed. Books on the correct level will have already been set by your child's class teacher.

Oxford Owl

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Follow the link and log in or create your own free account if you have not done so already.

Choose to browse the eBook library. From here you can select books by Age or Level. We encourage you to select books from your child's current reading level.



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Phonics

The year twos will be taking part in the National Phonics Screening during the Autumn Term 2 and the National Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place in June 2021. Your child will be asked to read 40 words using their phonics skills. The words will include a mixture of real and pseudo words (alien words). Any practise at home with your child at this stage would be much appreciated. We are sending home some workbooks that children can complete at their own pace, and please encourage them to do so.

Your child may be able to read the words straight away but we recommend that they segment the words into sounds (phonemes) before blending to read the word. We suggest that children sound button the words before segmenting to ensure they recognise all the sounds.

For example, the word 'claw' would be broken up into three different sounds /c/ /l/ and /aw/. Children would represent this using sound buttons: c | aw
(. for a single letter sound and __ for a 2 or 3 letter sound)

We have included a list of all the sounds the children should know and hopefully this will also help you to identify the sounds.

REMEMBER: Phonics is not the only way you become a good reader. Continue to read with your child regularly and encourage them to:

- Sound out, re-read to check it makes sense, and use pictures for clues.
- Read 'tricky words' on sight consistently plus words they have already decoded to built up their reading fluency
- Ask questions about the book;
- And most importantly ENJOY READING!

Home Booklets

We will also be sending out work booklets; please work through the booklet with your child at home to help them with their phonic reading and reinforce what they have learnt in school.

Purple Mash

As a familiar and popular learning platform used at Ann Edwards, we have set various phonics tasks on Purple Mash for your child to complete as a fun way to help support their phonetic knowledge. If you need help with getting your child logged on to Purple Mash, please contact your child's class teacher via Class DoJo.

If at any point you would like to discuss reading, phonics (including the phonics screening) with a member of the Key Stage 1 Team, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Smith and the KS1 Team