

Reading at home with your child

Reading is an important part of our everyday life. The more our children read, the better reader they will be and the better writers they will become. Reading as an imaginative activity can open doors to all kinds of new worlds for your child. By widening your child's imagination, your child is more likely to dream bigger and act creatively which can benefit their school, work, and life in the future.

Parents and family members play an important role in building successful readers. Hearing your child read is vital to your child retaining and building on the skills that they have learnt. But most importantly, this is a time for children to engage their imaginations, find amusement in books and to learn to love reading. We ask that you listen to your child every day.

Once a book has been complete, please fill in your reading record with a comment on how they have read and your signature.

You could write to us about the following:

- 1) How did using their phonics?
- 2) How did they discuss the book?
- 3) Did you discuss any vocabulary?
- 4) Did your child enjoy the book?

This way, we are working together to support your child's progress in their reading further.

If you are unsure about phonics, we will hold phonics meetings and workshops but please do ask teachers if you need more help.

To help you think of what to discuss with your child whilst reading we have provided the following crib sheet:

Vocabulary	Retrieval	Inferencing	Predicting	Sequencing
Focusing on vocabulary that they haven't heard before and its meaning.	Recall the main story, the setting, events and different characters.	Understand why and how questions.	Predicting what might happen next and why.	Ordering events in the correct order.
Can you find a word/sentence that tells/shows you? Why do you think that author use the word ... to describe ...?	Tell me three facts you've learnt from the text. Who woke up daddy bear?	Why do you think...? How do you think the character is feeling? Why?	Where do you think the character will go next? What do you think will happen next?	What happened at the beginning of the story? What happened before?

If you would like to read a book from Oxford Owl please do and add to your reading record.

Reading to your child is vitally important in developing a love of reading in children; it helps their imagination to explore people, places, times and events beyond their own experiences. Spend time reading to your child as a **bedtime story** is extremely powerful.

We look forward to hearing all about the exciting books you have read!