



Reading at Home

Your child will be coming home with a phonetically decodable book with sounds they have been practising in school. Please encourage your child to blend these known sounds to create the words. The second book will have the label – share with me. This is an enjoyment book to be shared with an adult or older sibling.

Sharing stories is one of the most precious and important things we can do with children. It is a key way to develop communication and language skills. Talk to your child about what is going on in the story, what do they think will happen next or ask about how they think a character might be feeling. Allow your child to take the lead with the story and tell it as they see it through the illustrations exploring new vocabulary and developing imagination

Encouraging a love of reading

Tips from the Booktrust (www.booktrust.org.uk)

- Look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

As our books are a huge part of our valuable teaching resources and are very expensive to replace when lost or damaged, we will be changing home reading books only when books are returned to school. We greatly appreciate your support on this matter.