

## Reading at Home - Frequently Asked Questions

### How will my child learn to read in school?

In school your child will read to their class teacher at least once a week, they will also read to the class teaching assistant once a week, we call this 'guided reading'. At times, your child may also read to a school volunteer or receive extra reading time with the class teaching assistant. We also encourage time for children to share and enjoy books by either reading independently or by sharing a book with a friend.



In Foundation Stage and KS1 your child will have two books in their book bag, a book from a reading scheme and a 'real' book. We call them 'real' books as they tend to have richer language, a more complex story and illustrations you can talk at length about with your child.



In KS2 your child will also be sent home with a book in their book bag.

All books are selected for your child, and with your child, by the class teacher or teaching assistant. In KS2 your child may still have picture books in their book bag, picture books are not just for the little ones!



### Why read at home when my child already reads in school?

As you can see we value reading in school, however, the more opportunities a child gets to read the more likely it is that they will thrive at reading which is why reading at home is vital to your child's reading development.



### I'm not a confident reader myself, what should I do?

Many of our families are fortunate to speak another language, it might be that you feel more confident speaking and reading in that language, it

is a real advantage to be able to share a book in another language with your child as they will be picking up on the structure of language regardless of whether it is English or not and remember you can talk about books in any language. You may not feel too confident in reading or speaking with your child in English so use the language you are confident in - this is great.

It might be that as a young reader you did not enjoy reading and maybe it is something which you still find hard, we do understand these concerns, please feel that you can come in and speak to us about this - we all want the best for the children at our school and working together we can achieve this. You can still talk about the pictures, ask your child what they are reading, let your child know that you value reading.



### My child won't read, no matter what I do. How can I help?

- Read to your child as much as possible
- Let them see you as a reader
- Let your child know that you value reading
- Don't make an issue out of it

- Talk to your child's class teacher, working together will help

Please do come and talk to us about reading at home with your child if you either experience difficulty or equally if you would like to share your success with us.



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*Remember you are your  
child's first teacher*

