

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that your children are in Reception, it is time for your child to have a reading book. As this is a new routine, the information below will explain the process.

Books will be changed every **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**. Please have your book and book bag in school every day.

Initially, we will send home book without any words. Please 'read' this with your child 3 times over the 3 days.

1. First look at each page and name the things that you see. Ideally, in full sentences and adding some descriptive words.
2. Model telling the story to your child.
3. Encourage your child to tell you the story.

Once we start learning the letter sounds, we will be sending home books with words. There will also be information in your child's Wonder Book each fortnight.

Reading at home when the books have words.

Reading books will continue to be changed twice a week. Your child should read their reading book every day, this allows for your child to read their book **3 times**.

Read 1: Children will segment and blend unknown words. Adults can model how to sound out unknown words. Discuss the meaning of unknown words.

Read 2. Children become more fluent in their reading and comprehend what they have read. Ask your child questions about the characters and story for comprehension.

Read 3: Focus on adding expression in reading, retelling and asking inference questions. Inference questions allow children to think more deeply about a text and use clues from the book and draw on knowledge from their own experiences.

Please ensure you are listening to you child read their school reader at home every day. The more children have the chance to practise reading the more confident and fluent they become.

Please ensure that you sign the yellow reading record so that we know how many times the book has been read and whether we need to change the book.

Many thanks

The Blossom Class Team

