Parent Guide to Home Reading

Reading is the most important way of supporting your child with learning and is clearly linked with future academic success.



Supporting your child with reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading books that your child will bring home:

A **Reading Practice** book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.

A **Reading for Pleasure** book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Little Wandle Big Cat - Reading practice book -

<u>Handed out on Thursday (Reception – Yellow Class) or Friday (Year 1 – Red Class) to be returned on Monday</u>



This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. They need to be able to read almost all the words themselves.





At the beginning of each book there is a helpful 'Before Reading' page with helpful tips to get you started.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together using the discussion page which shows pictures related to the story.

After you have returned the book it will still be available online in the digital elibrary.

https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/ Each child has their own login in their Reading Record.

It is essential that the book is returned on **Mondays** to enable the next group to use it in reading lessons.

Reading for Pleasure books

Chosen on a Monday and returned on a Thursday

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. Their **Reading for Pleasure** books are ones they have chosen for you to enjoy together. This could include a classic story, an interesting factual book or an old favourite that they love. One of the books will come from our fabulous 'Alice in Wonderland' Library.

Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

