



Reading at Home

Here are some tips to help you support your child when reading at home:

- Find a quiet calm space to sit together to read ensure that there are no distractions and that the TV or music is turned off (Children need to be able to hear the sounds as they say them so that they can hear the whole word).
- If your child has practiced their book at home and is confident, then their reading book will usually be changed weekly. Please continue to practice the reading book even if your child has read it before, repetition and practice is key. Read as often as possible.
- Staff will track if your child has been read with regularly at home so please ensure that you sign and write a short comment in the reading record every time that you read.
- Encourage your child to 'say the sounds to hear the word'. If your child hesitates or can't remember a sound that's ok, just tell them the sound e.g. "say 'a' here"
- It may take some time for children to be able to hear the word, they may segment it well e.g. they may say c-a-t but may not be able to blend it (hear the whole word) if this happens just tell them once they've had a go e.g. c-a-t "cat"
- It is common for children to confuse b's and d's just correct them as you would if they made an error on any other sound. "say b here" or "say d here"
- The words below are what are known as high frequency words, they occur a lot in many simple sentences but as the children are not yet familiar with the sound-spelling correspondences, they can be difficult to sound out and blend at this early stage. Just tell your child these words so that it supports their confidence and flow. We do look at and practice these words in class so some children learn what they say very quickly.

a	for	there
is	of	what
I	are	where
the	come	who
was	to	said
all	these	

- Children may read slowly, this is very new for them and takes a little practice and time but it will come... encourage and praise them for their efforts as much as possible.

We hope that you enjoy reading at home with your child, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's reading then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home.