

Working together to support your child's reading



Our goal at Norton Infant School

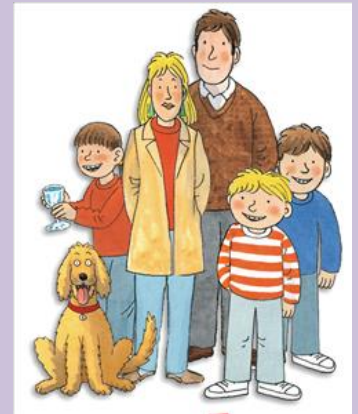


For our children to become avid readers through developing a love of books.

We believe that being a proficient reader is the gateway to learning for our children and success in most other subjects of the curriculum is dependent upon learning to read well.

Where we start

- Your child will have already started to develop pre-reading skills, for example, the ability to visually focus and concentrate and are now ready to look at text and print.
- Oxford Reading Tree - The first books that your child will bring home will not have words and instead focuses on comprehension skills.



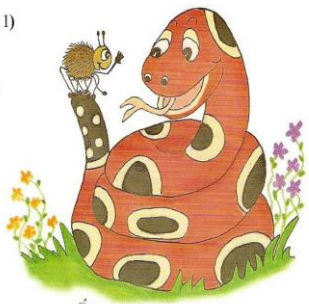
Word packets


- Your child will bring home a set of yellow 'tricky' words.
- Each week at school they will work with an adult to practice these words.
- Once they are confident with these words they will move onto the next set (there are 9 altogether)
- It's not a race!

Letter packets

S (Tune: *The Farmer in the Dell* Track 1)

The snake is in the grass.
The snake is in the grass.
/sss!/ /sss!
The snake is in the grass.



 **Action:** Weave your hand in an 's' shape, like a snake, and say ssssss.

- Our daily phonics sessions give your child the skills to 'sound out' and 'blend' words.
- Your child will bring home a letter packet with s a t p i n so you can start building simple words (e.g. it, pin, tap) You can find the order in which we introduce letters and sounds on our school website.
- We use the Jolly Phonics scheme so each letter we introduce comes with a rhyme and action. There is a link to the Jolly Phonics website on our school website.
- More letters will be added as your child becomes confident.

Our Monday reading morning

- During our reading morning we will listen to your child read their ORT book or in 'guided reading' group. We will always comment in their reading record if they have read in school.
- Your contribution in their reading record is vital and we love to see your comments too.



Promoting the love of reading

- In addition to their ORT book your child will also bring home another book that you can share together.
- You have a key role to play in promoting a love of books at home and we regard sharing books and listening to your child read to be one of the most important aspects of how you can help at home.

Getting new books

- We will change your child's reading books every Monday morning
- However, we will happily change their books everyday as long as their reading record has been signed.



If you have any
questions
please do not
hesitate to ask a
member of our team.