

Dear Parents,

We are now beginning to send home reading books each week for children in Reception.

From now on, children will take home a book every **Friday**. They must return it to school by the following **Wednesday**. It is very important that books are returned on that day as they will be needed for other reading groups the following week. Parents may be charged for any lost, damaged, or unreturned books.



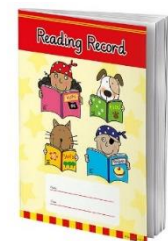
Your child will have read the book they take home several times with us in the week so they will be familiar with it. We read the books several times at school because we want to develop their fluency. Each week it is their book to be proud of and they then bring it home to share with you. Your child will have one of the following types of books:

A decodable book – Listen to your child read at home. They will have read this book several times in school. They have practised saying and blending the sounds to read the words in school. If they can't read a word, read it to them. Talk about the book and what is happening in the pictures. Enjoy the book together.

A wordless book – Explore the pictures and talk about them together. Help your child make connections to the picture and what they know about the world and their life. Enjoy the book together. Sharing a book together will help your child grow their vocabulary. Communication and Language is a prime area of learning within the Early Years Framework and is important for your child's future learning and development.



Before you return your child's reading pack on a Wednesday, you need to fill in at least one entry in their reading record. Here you can tell us how they did at home and help celebrate their reading successes. We will look at this when it is returned each Wednesday.



Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoy sharing these books with your child and if you have any questions please ask.

Many Thanks,
Miss Hargrove