

Home Reading Guidance

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very pleased to inform you that we have recently spent a significant amount of money on updating our books for children to take home. We now have many new books from pink band right up to purple band. We are currently auditing our provision for children reading in the higher bands.

We want every child to leave us a competent reader who chooses to read. We know that children who read at home often learn to read confidently quicker than those who do not practise as frequently. You can help this to happen by reading to your child, even when they can read themselves and by encouraging your child to also read to you every day. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our expectations around how often we would like children to read at home.

What books can I expect to see in my child's book bag?

Up to three books:

1. Book banded book – chosen by the teacher. This will be changed at least twice each week. This book may be a little challenging for your child however; they should be able to read 90% of the book without struggling at all. This book will be one your child has not read before. Generally, they would re-visit this book over a couple of days before it is changed.
2. Another book banded book chosen by your child. This book can be changed daily; you can help your child to do this. **It will often be a book from a band lower than the band of the book chosen by the teacher.** This is important, as we want your child to practise reading with fluency and to therefore, gain confidence as a reader. This book will often be one your child has read before.
3. A “real” book from the class book area. This may be a book you choose to read to your child or they may like to read it themselves. Please change this book as often as you like.

Children in reception may also bring home a small “blending sounds” book to allow them to practise what they are learning during their phonics lessons.

Information about how we teach reading and how you can help at home is available on our website. Please visit the phonics and reading pages of our website to ensure you are well informed about how we teach reading at school and for ideas about how you can support your child's reading development at home. Information about book bands is on the back of this letter.

If you have any questions about your child's reading please speak to their teacher.

Yours Sincerely



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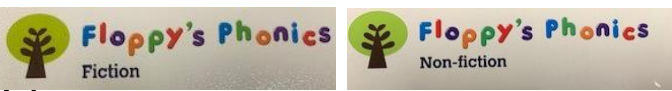
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Book Band Chart

Blending sounds word books
Pink
Red
Yellow stickered Book bag books
Yellow – start with “floppy phonics” books before reading other yellow-banded books
Blue - start with “floppy phonics” books before reading other blue-banded books
Green - start with “floppy phonics” books before reading other green-banded books
Orange – start with “floppy phonics” books before reading other orange-banded books.
Turquoise
Purple
Gold
White
Lime



The yellow stickered “book bag books” have this logo on the front of the book.



You will see this logo on the back of all “floppy phonics” books.

All books up to and including orange band are phonetically decodable. This gives children opportunities to practise blending with the sounds they have learnt in phonics.

Children often begin their journey to becoming a confident reader in reception with “blending sounds” word books before then moving through the colour bands as above.

There is a progression within each band and generally, we recommend children to start with the “floppy Phonics” books in each colour before moving on to other books within each band.

Your child does not need to read all books within a colour. We will be encouraging children to read books from a lower book band and/or re-visit books they have already read in order to build their confidence and fluency.

Children who read fluently and with confidence will understand more of what they have read and will be more likely to enjoy reading in the future.

If you have any questions about the books your child is reading please speak with their teacher.

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