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MY SCHOOL

YOUR SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL

Dear Families,

Welcome to reading in Nursery.

Sharing a book with your child is fun. It's a time for connection, laughter, joy and talking together. It can also give your child a flying start in life to enable them to become lifelong readers. There is no perfect way to read with your child, no right or wrong way so don't put too much pressure on yourself. However, we have provided some top tips at the end of this letter for guidance.



We are dedicating Friday mornings to reading and storytelling. The children will choose their book in small groups with a teacher or TA during short sessions. When they are not choosing their book, they will be participating in a storytelling session, shared read or free flow.

The children will receive two books:

Reading/Phonics book:

These books are wordless or have very few words to begin with and are very important to your child's reading development. Early phonics books allow children to learn how stories work, including the order and direction in which they read, without the pressure of too many words on the page. Children will enjoy talking about the story and discussing what is happening in the pictures. The first step in reading is to use visual prompts to help read the words. The pictures provide lots of opportunities for playing with environmental sounds, an important first step in the teaching of phonics.



Library book:

This book is to promote and embody reading for pleasure. A book to enjoy together, connect and have fun.

Please record a comment in your reading diary and we will use this space as a way to note down any useful information. In the diary, you can rate and review the book together, deciding how many stars to colour in. Leave a short comment letting us know if they enjoyed their books and why, also anything significant they do or say.

For example; make a super comment, use a new word or character voices.



To begin with, books will be changed every Friday. Please ensure your child brings their books and book bag every Friday morning. If your child has a part time Monday - Wednesday place, their books will be changed every Monday.

Warmly,
The Nursery Team.

Great reading habits:

1. *Read aloud to your child every day*
2. *Read books multiple times to your child. Reading the same book over and over again reinforces language development and encourages children to participate in the reading activity.*

Top Tips:

1. Think about it...

Ask your child questions about the characters or the story that require predicting, imaging, or making references

Examples: *How do you think Madeline feels right now? If you were Peter Rabbit, what would you do?*



2. Make it relevant!

Relate books to your child's life.

Example: *Can you think of a time you were reluctant to try something new like Little Burro?*

3. Begin with sounds!

Point out beginning sounds.

Example: *Did you hear a word that started with the same MMMMMM sound as your name?*

4. Name it!

Practice letter names.

Example: *Name the letters you recognise on the cover of the book.*

5. Read it!

Encourage your child to read common words.

Example: *This word t-h-e, is the. Help me read 'the' when you see it in the book.*

6. Encourage curiosity!

Respond to your child's questions about letters, numbers, and reading.

Here is a link to the [Book Trust 100 best books 0 - 5](#)

