



Supporting your child with reading

At Birklands Primary School, we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revisited programme. This programme is being taught across EYFS and KS1 for phonics and reading. Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practise at home. We encourage you to read with your child five times each week, we monitor engagement at home to ensure children are making progress. Please record any reading that you do with your child in their reading diary.

There are two types of reading book that your child will bring home:

Reading practise book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current phonics learning. Your child will have this book for one week. This is how the week with the reading practise book progresses:

Focus	In school, children will be...	How to support at home
Decoding	'sounding out' (segmenting and blending) unknown words and observing the punctuation as they read.	Listen to them practise the text. If necessary, remind them that they only need to sound out (blend and segment) unknown words.
Prosody	Reading the book and incorporating all the skills they have been working on in a fluent style.	Praise their achievements, celebrating their progress across the week. Could they share their success by reading to another

		family member, pet or friend?
Comprehension	Working on specific parts of the book to develop the focus skills. Through discussion and questioning, the children will start to develop a good understanding of what has been read.	Discuss the particular parts they may have been working on in school. Taking turns to read parts- is your expression similar? Do your character voices sound alike?

Reading for pleasure book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The '100 book' is a book that is to be shared and enjoyed with someone at home. Reading this book together is a great opportunity to discuss the pictures, enjoy the book, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in non-fiction book. The main thing is that you both enjoy this book together.

**Please can you make sure that all books that are sent home are returned.
Your child will not bring home a new book until the other is returned.**

For more information on how phonics and early reading is taught in school, please see the following link:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Thank you,

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