

CATSHILL FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY



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Reception Reading Information

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Dear Parents/Carers

Reading at Home and School

At Catshill First School and Nursery we promote a love of reading and encourage reading for pleasure. Reading is happening all the time in our classrooms through Phonics lessons, story times, playing with books and acting out stories.

You can support your child's reading journey through regular reading at home.

Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to your child's achievement within school.

You can share their reading books from school or books from home, including magazines, comics, library books, information books and newspapers. Reading with siblings, grandparents and other relatives is encouraged too.



Your child has a bookmark in their book bag which gives parents and carers ideas of how to support their child's reading at home. This is yours to keep.



Weekend Storybooks

Each Friday your child will bring home a 'Weekend Storybook'. Weekend Storybooks must be returned on Mondays in order for your child to be able to select a different book the following Friday once they have been quarantined.

Reading Books

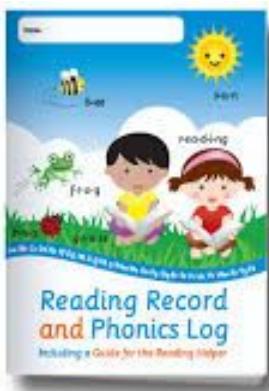
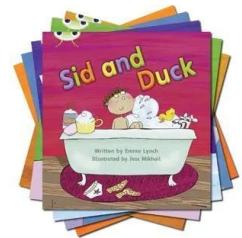
Your child will begin to bring home reading books from our reading scheme. Our scheme begins with 'wordless' books. These books have no words or very few words but are very important to your child's reading development. Wordless books allow children to learn how stories work, including the order and 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 on the page to help read the words.

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Once children are ready we will begin to send home word books which will be linked closely to their reading development. These books will contain letters and high frequency words which are familiar to your child. Other words in the text can usually be decoded by saying each sound and blending them together to read the word (e.g. c-a-t = cat). Please note that reading development is individual to each child and that not all children will be ready at the same time for a book with words. Continue to use the parents ideas bookmark to support your child's reading at home with their reading books.



Reading Record

Your child's reading record is for both parents and school staff to use. School staff will record each time they read with your child and will leave a comment about your child's reading and if there is anything to practise at home. Parents should record each time they read with their child at home. Please include comments about your child's enjoyment of reading, new words they recognise, their comments about the story or characters and whether they have read to you, you have read to them or you took turns to read. You can also ask questions if you are unsure about an aspect of the book or if there is something your child needs help with.

Children's reading books will be changed as regularly as possible and should be sent to school every day in their book bag with their reading record. Please bear with us as we increase our reading scheme capacity.

Your child will bring home a reading book by Friday 25th September 2020.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Thompson-Yates, Miss Loveridge and the Early Years Team