

Reading in Reception – Parent Home Reading Guide

- Your child will start to bring a reading book home from school to enjoy with you at home
- Your child's reading book will be changed weekly **on a Friday**
- School reading books, reading record and HFW wallet should be brought into school everyday
- They will also be given a high frequency word wallet containing a list of words that need to be cut up to form flashcards
 - *HFW are a mixture of decodable words (words that can be sounded out) and tricky / exception words (words that have to be learned and recognised by sight).*
 - *By cutting the words up allows your child to learn the words out of order and also means you can play games with them, for example sorting words that have the same initial sound.*
- When your child is secure in reading their set of high frequency words in different contexts we will send a new set home
- The reading record is a place for you to tell us about your time reading with your child, please make a quick comment when you have read at home

How to use the Reading Record

- You will find colour-coded bookmarks stuck into your child's reading record which correspond with their reading book colour
- Use the book mark to help guide your conversations when discussing your child's book with them
- In the comments section you can tell us how your child did with their reading
- Tricky words or sounds observed by your child can be recorded here. This may link to the phonics work they have done at school



Date	Book and page number	Comments

Tricky words, or words to practise

New sounds I have spotted (e.g. night, rain)

Things to Remember

- Try to read with your child everyday
- Establish a reading routine in a quiet and calm area of your home
- Little and often is key a few minutes everyday can make a real difference
- Reading practise might involve your child reading to you, word wallet flashcards, finding HFW/ diagraphs in books, making words/ diagraphs with letters
- Be a role model - let your child see you read, especially in real life situations when you are out and about

- Please remember reading is a journey, not a race. Enjoyment and understanding is hugely important and this will only come from sitting back, relaxing and enjoying your reading journey together