

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to begin our reading journey with your children this year!

From this **Thursday**, your child will bring home a **reading book**, and a **reading record** each week. These will be sent home **every Thursday** and should be returned to school by the following **Thursday** to be changed.

Why is reading at home important?

Reading at home plays a big part in helping children become confident and fluent readers. Just a few minutes each day can make a huge difference to your child's progress and enjoyment of reading.

How you can help at home:

- Spend time looking at the book together in a quiet, relaxed setting.
- Encourage your child to **recognise sounds in words** and **blend them together** (e.g. c-a-t = cat).
- Talk about the story, pictures, and characters to help build understanding.
- Re-read favourite books to build confidence and fluency.

Please take care of the books

The books your child brings home are part of our school reading scheme and are carefully chosen to match their phonics learning. We kindly ask that you look after them and return them in good condition so that other children can enjoy them too.

The **reading record** is a great way for us to communicate about your child's reading. Please write a short note each time you read together so we can celebrate their progress and support where needed. At the end of each half term, reading records will be collected in and we will be seeing how many times your child has read at home. We will be presenting your child with a reading certificate in assembly to recognise their efforts of reading at home.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, we can help your child develop a lifelong love of reading!

Kind Regards,
Reception team