

# Reading at home



To support your children with their reading in school, we have introduced a new selection of 'Book Bag' books to build confidence and fluency. Your child's book will match their phonic knowledge and link directly to the sounds learnt in class. The books will be allocated based on your child's phonic assessment and will be reassessed every 6 weeks.

Each week, your child will bring one decodable book home to read, alongside another 'free reading' book of their choice.

We are very excited about your children having access to these new books. We ask you please take care of them, so everyone can continue to enjoy them. If they are lost or badly damaged, we will be asking for you to replace them.

## How to help your child read their book

- Ask your child to read the green and red words located at the front of the book, before reading the story.

Green words are made up of sounds your child has already learnt. If your child is unfamiliar with the word, they can be sounded out and blended (in school we call this 'Fred Talk')

Red words are harder to read because the letter represent unusual sounds. The words can not be sounded out and blended like green words ("You can't Fred a Red")

- Ask your child to read the story.

### **First Read**

The first time your child reads the story, the focus is on reading accurately, taking their time. Re-read any words read incorrectly.

### **Second Read**

The focus for the second time your child reads the book is to increase fluency and confidence. Your child should be working on reading without blending, enabling them to be able to engage more with the story.

### **Third Read**

When your child reads the book a third time, the emphasis is on their 'story teller' voice and using expression when reading. Every time they read the book, they will become more confident readers.

### **Fourth Read**

Your child will be very familiar with the book by now and it is a great time to concentrate on comprehension. There are questions you can discuss at the back of each book. Please continue to also use the parent reading questions that were sent home at parents evening.

