### **Phonics**

## ANOUNCE OF THE PARTY SOLD

# 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.

How to help your child read their book

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.

• 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. Reread 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.







At North Lancing, reading for pleasure is a very important part of our ethos. To support the children with their love of reading, every week your child will get the opportunity to pick a book of their choice.

They may want to read about a pirate adventure, a trip to the beach or learn interesting facts about sloths... It is completely up to them!

The children will have access to their own mini library, where the books will be displayed in categories.

Due to these books being chosen based on your child's interests and not led by an adult, your child will bring home a range of books of different lengths and difficulty.

You may find that some books are very accessible and your child is able to confidently read them to you.

Other books may offer more of a challenge and these books are great for reading together. You can even read them to your child and enjoy lots of discussion about what has been read.

These books are a wonderful opportunity to share a range of stories and non fiction texts with your child.



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you Il go.
-Dr. Seuss

#### Reading Records

Please continue to complete your child's reading record every time they read at home in order to collect all the colours for their rainbow challenge.

It is so important to give them the opportunity to practise using the skills they are learning at school.

Alongside books from school, please use the further reading section on the back of your record, to highlight any extra texts your children have enjoyed.