

Reading at Airedale Infant School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are already aware, at Airedale Infant School we place a high importance on teaching **every child** to read as soon as possible and to encourage their love of reading to develop throughout their early education.

In school we follow the phonics programme Read Write Inc. This is a programme which teaches your child the phonic sounds that they need to be able to sound out any word to read. To support parents to understand how we teach Read Write Inc, we would like to invite you to our launch on **Thursday 28th September 2023**. Parents who would like to attend should arrive to our main reception where you will be taken to the hall for the session to begin at **9.15am**.

In school all children have been assessed to ensure that we challenge and support your child to become a confident reader with books that are directly linked to the sounds that they know. This is important to ensure that your child is successful when they learn to read at home with you and makes this a positive experience.

Reading at home plays a crucial role in your child's early development and allows them to become confident and fluent with regular opportunities to practise. Depending on your child's stage of reading books will be changed weekly or sometimes every few days as the texts they will bring home link to the texts we enjoy and practise in class. Books can only be changed when they are fluent and speedy with their reading.

Reading books and activities are carefully selected to ensure reading is successful for all children and provides opportunity for children to apply the sounds they know to read. The sequence in which books and reading activities out are as follows...



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To encourage reading at home, we celebrate our 'Reading Champions' following a reward system for children. Each week we ask parents to support their child to read at home three times and to record this with the date, book title and a short comment to log this at home. In school we will reward children who achieve three reads with stickers and a raffle ticket to be in with a chance of winning prizes in our celebration assembly to celebrate being a 'Reading Champion'.



Last week, we also relaunched our 'Reading Mascots' initiative to encourage a love of reading at home. Each week, a child from each class will be chosen to bring home a Sprite or Pixie (fairies) along with a 50 recommended read book for the weekend. Your child will be encouraged to share this with you at home for bedtime story and will be asked to show their thoughts and feelings around the book inside of their class journal. All relevant information will come along with the mascot inside of their special bag on a Friday and should be returned to school after the weekend. We cannot wait to see your weekend story times and share the new books with you all!

All children are also encouraged to access the online Oxford Owl portal which provides free access to lots of E-Books. To sign up for an online account please visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk and sign up using an email address for a free parent account.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be sent home each week with a Fred's Friday challenge containing QR codes to specifically target the sounds your child needs to learn to recognise and read. The sounds we teach children are progressive and are taught in a specific order, it is therefore essential for your child to watch these practise videos at home each week by scanning the QR code on your mobile or tablet device using the camera.



I would like to thank you all for your continued support with your child's education and I look forward to sharing more information with you at our Read Write Inc parent launch on Thursday 28th September.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Atkinson
Reading Lead