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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. In school we conduct assessments to ensure 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 read at home with you and makes this a positive experience. If your child is in year 2, children will now be encouraged to select books for themselves within their reading band.

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, 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.

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...



Sound blending books and ditty 'short' stories



Book Bag Books



Reading for pleasure

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

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with stickers and prizes from our class boxes to celebrate being a 'Reading Champion'. This achievement will also be displayed in our classrooms.

This academic year, children are 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 assigned a fun phonics video each week 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 via the links assigned via your child's Seesaw account.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support with your child's education.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Atkinson
Reading Lead

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