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Reading at Home in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know about our new arrangement to reading at home. At Ashfield Primary, we use the **Read, Write Inc** scheme to teach phonics and early reading skills. Your child will have been assessed in December to determine the book level they are currently reading in the scheme.

Read, Write Inc Black and White Practise Copies

A new book will be introduced each week in your child's Read Write Inc group and on **Friday**, your child will take home a copy of the same book to practise reading at home. These books need to be returned to school the following **Friday** in the plastic book bag given to your child. If books are not returned on time, our system will not work and children may not receive books that match their reading ability.



Read, Write Inc Book Bag Books

We have recently purchased a large quantity of book bag books for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 to read at home.

The books are from the Read, Write Inc Phonics scheme and complement the books that the children read in their phonics groups at school. The books will allow the children to practise reading a story that includes sounds they have learnt in school. Your child will receive a copy of one of the titles to take home every **Friday** in addition to the black and white practise book. Please make sure the book is returned to school the following **Friday**.



Please follow the instructions at the beginning of the book to support your child. The **Story Green Words**, **Red Words** and **Vocabulary Check** are printed here. It is good practice to read the book more than once and complete the **retell the story** activity and **chat questions** at the back of the book.

Read Write Inc Graduates (post Grey level)

Children that have graduated from the Read, Write Inc scheme, will continue to be assessed using book band levels: Gold, White and Lime.

Book to Share with an Adult (Maple Class Only)

Each **Thursday**, Maple class children will continue to take home a book of their choice to share with an adult at home.

How many times should I be listening to my child read at home?

At Ashfield, we encourage parents and carers to read with their child/children at least **3 times** per week. Children that practise reading regularly at home, make greater progress in reading and graduate from the scheme at a faster pace. Your child's class teacher will be using a reward system to encourage children to complete their reading homework.

Please use the reading record to record when an adult has listened to your child read. We appreciate that children who are fluent readers in year 2 may like to read books their own books. We encourage children to enjoy books that interest them but we would also like to them read the books that we send home because these have been matched carefully to their reading ability.

Looking After Books

We have spent a considerable sum of money from our school budget on the new books and will therefore be talking to the children about looking after them. We appreciate that accidents can happen but it is very frustrating to give a child a book to read at home that has been ripped or soiled by another child. Please make sure your child washes their hands before reading and keep the books away from food, drinks, small children and pets. We urge you not to place drink bottles in book bags on your journey to school as they often leak and damage the books.

If you have any questions about supporting your child to read, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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