



Reading update Autumn 2021

Phonics throughout school

This is an exciting time for us because from January we will be moving to Essential Letters and Sounds scheme which is based on Letters and sounds (2007) which we already follow. This has been updated and gives the teachers a clear understanding of how to get the most from Phonics lessons and interventions to help enable all children in school become fluent readers.

This means in Reception and Year 1 from January your child will be bringing home one fully decodable book to read 4 times in a week. This is to help the child's recognition of all the GPC's (Grapheme, Phoneme Correspondence) we have already learnt in school and to be able to blend these together to read words. As well as this they will be bringing a book home to share which will be for you and your child to read together to help evoke a love of reading.

In Year 2 upwards this scheme will be used within school to develop children's phonetic knowledge to help their fluency in reading.

Books, Books, Books!

We are currently investing in 50 books for each class. These are books which have been recommended for children to read or listen to by the time they finish each year group. Children will have access to these during the day at school either through their class story time, when an adult will read a book to them, or during their independent reading time.

Anyone able to help?

We are looking for a mini fridge/ bottle Fridge (it doesn't need to work) or some old hand luggage suitcases. We are hoping to set up an outside reading library for children to have access to reading books during their playtimes and lunchtimes this is to enable those children who would rather sit down and read to do so outside. If you are able to help please let the office know.



Websites for reading

Here are links to websites with lists of books which cater for all children's ages and different reading abilities or interests. Also, there is a link to the school website where you can find the 50 recommended reads for each year group.

[Books for Topics](#)

[Children's Book Reviews, Recommendations and Free Opening Extracts | Lovereading4kids UK](#)

<http://www.cromwellacademy.com/page/?title=READING&pid=95>