



Reading in Year R

Children in Year R have a phonics lesson every day. The children work in groups based on where they are in their learning. The groups children are in may change as we regularly assess the children to ensure they are working at the level most suited to them.

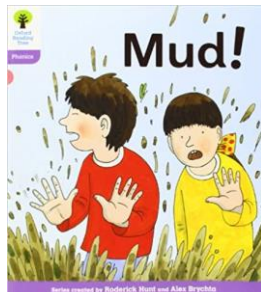
Children have a reading folder that must be brought in to school every day. We ask that you hear your child read as regularly as you can and recommend at least 3 times a week if possible. It really does make such a difference to your child's progress in reading. We understand this can be challenging and ask you to come and speak to us if you need any help, advice or support with this.

The reading folder contains a reading diary. Please write the name of the book, date and sign to show when you have heard your child read. You may also comment on your child's reading if you wish.

Your child will be bringing home different reading material depending on what group they working on. These are listed below in the order you are likely to see them:

Books without words

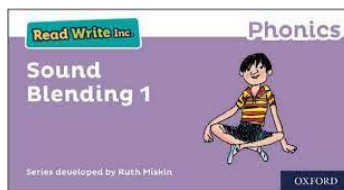
To begin with your child may bring home reading books without words. Some books may contain simple words. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures and the story they can see happening. These books will be changed every Thursday.





Sound-Blending Books

These are small books that contain single words. These are designed to help your child practice blending which is crucial to the next step of their reading journey. Encourage children to sound out the words by saying the sounds. These books will be changed every Thursday.



Ditty Sheets

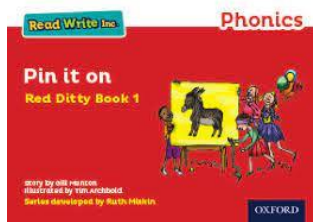
Children read 'ditties' once they begin blending. These are sheets of paper with 3 or 4 sentences forming a short 'story'. They read a Ditty a day. A copy of the ditty will come home in their reading folder every 1-2 days (you can dispose of previous ones once you have finished with them). Encourage your child to read their ditty, supporting them with blending.





RWI Story Books

Once children are blending with more confidence they will move onto reading RWI books in school. They will begin with red, moving onto green and then to purple and so on. They may sometimes skip colours if they make good progress and move groups. Encouraging your child to re-read this at home will boost their confidence. A copy of the book they have been reading in school will go home with your child every 3-4 days.



Book Bag Books

Once children have begun reading the RWI story books in school, they will also be bringing home 'Book Bag Books'. These are reading books that are colour coded to match the RWI story books. So if your child is on red RWI books, they will bring home a red 'Book Bag Book'. Unlike the RWI books, these will not have been read in school. Please make sure your child reads these books. These books will be changed every Thursday.

