

Dear Parents/ Carers

A Note About Reading

During this half term your child may come home with a reading book with words. We would encourage you to listen to your child read their book regularly at home (at least three five-minute sessions per week, if possible) and then talk to them about it afterwards to find out whether or not they understood the story.

Please write a comment about your child's reading in their Reading Record after each session. Your comments are particularly valuable because they give us a clearer sense of how your child's reading is progressing at home. We read your comments on book changing days and acknowledge them with a tick or smiley face, adding suggestions for next steps if necessary.

Reading Record Comments

Ensuring that comments are constructive and encouraging without sounding too repetitive can often be very difficult. Here is a list of collective comments and phrases to help you respond to your child's progress. Please remember that these are only suggested comments and ideas. You may or may not choose to use them. The list is by no means exhaustive and comments can be modified, extended and personalised. Below are a range of examples that you might find helpful when writing in your child's reading diary:

- *Confused b and d today.*
- *Able to say the letters in the word but struggled to blend the letters together to say the word.*
- *Able to blend letters such as c-a-t to say the word cat.*
- *Recognised words such as 'the' and 'to.'*
- *He/ She found the word 'to' very tricky to read.*
- *Read well, picked up the repetition of sentences and was able to read the book independently.*
- *Pointed to words I requested in the story, e.g. Can you point to the word 'and.'*
- *Read the book accurately.*
- *Able to read most of the book independently.*
- *Pointed to the title and found the beginning of the story.*
- *Able to retell the story in their own words.*



- *Retold the story using the illustrations as prompts.*
- *Able to answer questions about the story.*
- *Asked relevant questions about the book.*
- *Related the story to their own experience, e.g. going to the park.*



Reading Record Raffle

If your child has three or more comments in their reading diary they will be entered into a raffle and every Friday they will be given the chance to win a small prize.



Thank you for supporting your child's reading at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Kind regards,

Mrs Westfeld