

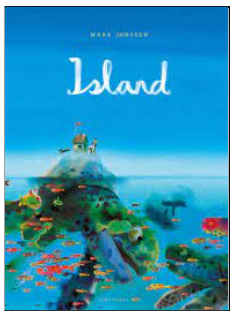
# Reading in EYFS at Kirk Fenton

Dear parents,

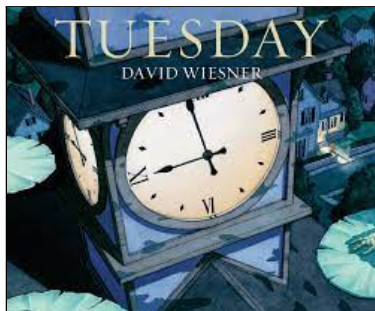
This letter aims to outline our approach to phonics and early reading at Kirk Fenton, an important shared journey between school and home.

This week your child will get the opportunity to visit our new school library and bring home a selection of books they have chosen. These library books are for you to share at home and enjoy reading to your child. They may choose books already familiar to them or books which show new interests. Please take the time to read these to them, exploring the pictures and information. These can be kept in your child's book bag and will be changed during their next visit to the library. Reading aloud to children, especially in an engaging manner (silly voices, actions, full of expression) promotes early literacy and language development. We are also really passionate about reading for pleasure at Kirk Fenton which is why an early trip to our library is a priority for our new starters!

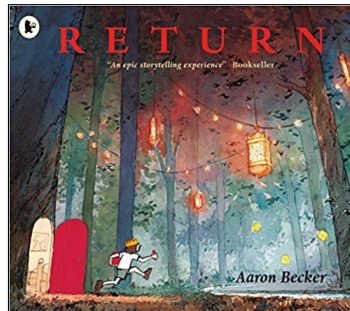
In the second week, your child will receive a home reading book and a reading record. This is for your child to read to you and for you to record a few comments in their reading records about how they got on. For the first few weeks, these will be wordless picture books which follow our phonics scheme. We invest plenty of time to work on rhythm, rhyme and sound discrimination before introducing letter sounds later in the first half term. Wordless picture books are fantastic for children to use their imagination and tell their own stories, which change and often get added to every time they read. Here are some of our teacher and child recommendations of wordless picture books:



'The Island'  
Mark Janssen



'Tuesday'  
David Wiesner



'Return'  
Aaron Becker



'The Lion and the Mouse'  
Jerry Pinkney

Once we have started introducing the first set of letter sounds, short books will be sent home with decodable words so your child can practise the phonics skills being taught in school.

We hope that by having library books to share with your child and home reading books for them to practise their phonics skills, you will have a wide variety of books to choose from. Of course, we encourage regular reading and re-reading of any books you have at home. We are happy to provide recommendations or signpost you to children's book websites, especially as they make great birthday or Christmas gifts!

If you have any further questions about reading or the books being sent home, please get in touch.

The EYFS Team