**Reading at Home**

**Reception November 2020**

Reception have been working very hard in their phonics sessions. Practice is the key to becoming a fluent reader and reading at home and school regularly will develop this fluency. All children will be heard read their reading book **twice** a week and daily reading in phonics. We will change reading books on a Monday and Friday. Please can you make sure your child has read their book before each of these days so we can change them at school. All children develop at their own pace and it will benefit some to repeat a book for a few days to develop that fluency before changing.

 Please encourage your child to use their phonics skills as the first strategy to read the text. The books sent home will include the sounds we have been learning at school so help them to ‘sound out’ each letter and blend them back together.

 Reading the book a number of times over a few days will greatly assist your child’s progress in reading.

 Talking about the story is a very important part of your child’s reading experience to help understand what they have read. Discuss the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end and their favourite part.

 It is also very helpful to use your child’s reading journal to communicate with us at school. Let us know when you have read a book or how your child got on.

Here are some reading tips….

Share lots of books and enjoy these times together!

Use the pictures as clues to the words

Always be positive and encouraging about your child’s reading

Talk about the book.

**Sound out** a word for your child if they are struggling.

Talk about the pictures.

Give your child plenty of time

Sound out

unknown words.

Find a quiet place to read without TV, mobiles etc

In our daily phonics sessions, we practice reading ‘Red Words’ which help the children recognise the fact that there are words that are tricky to read because you cannot sound them out in the normal way. We are just beginning to learn the ‘Set 1 red cards’.’ In your child’s book bag, you will find a bag of red words for you to practice regularly at home. We will add words to this bag as the children learn them. Please keep this word bag in your child’s book bag.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s reading please do speak to one of the reception team.

Best wishes

Mrs. Rudd.