



Home Reading Years 1 and 2

This booklet is designed to offer you support and advice on how to use the books selected by your child from our home reading scheme.

Why is there a home reading scheme?

- It gives the children the opportunity to choose a book they would like to read for themselves outside the school reading scheme.
- Children need as much practice as possible reading from a variety of texts.
- Your interest and help shows them how important you consider reading to be.
- To share the pleasures from reading and looking at books.

How are the books graded?

The books are colour coded. Within each band there are:

- Fiction books that your child can read unaided, or more challenging books suitable for you to read to them.
- Non-fiction books designed for discussion.
- Poetry
- Plays

How can you help?

- Share the book in a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere.
- Don't interrupt favourite television programmes or games.
- Encourage and praise your child frequently so his/her confidence grows. Do not be critical!
- If your child hesitates when he/she is reading, simply supply the word. Do not expect complete accuracy but understanding is vital.
- Don't worry if your child chooses a book they have read before. Children love repetition.
- Discuss the book and talk about the pictures.
- If your child is not enjoying the book STOP. Find another book to read at home or visit the local library.
- Continue to read books to your child.
- **MAKE READING FUN!**