

St Paul's

C of E Primary School



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Tuesday 16th January 2024

Phonics Books – Class Reception & Class 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the whole school for all of your generous contributions towards our new phonics books. We have reached our target of £900 thanks to you and the books will be ready for the children to start taking home this month.

By the end of January your child will bring home 2 reading books:

A **reading practice book**. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently (see full explanation below).

A **sharing book**. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together. Your child will choose this book themselves from the library.

Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a particular word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together. Due to our limited supply and the cost of this resource, any damaged or lost books will need to be replaced by parents and carers.

Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters or explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

You will be notified, by email when this is in place and your child has the books in their book bags.

Many thanks and any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

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