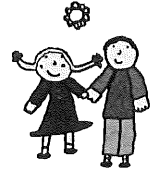


# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In line with our systematic phonics scheme, we are changing the way we send home reading books. We teach reading in school during our **daily** Read Write Inc. phonics lessons and in group reading sessions. The books that we send home are to develop fluency and consolidate sounds that have already been taught in school. The books may seem easier than before as we are not asking you to teach the sounds/words, but to help your child become a fluent confident reader. You will now receive 1 to 2 books a week and this book will be read 4 or 5 times before being changed. Please note the 'book' may be in the form of a laminated 'Ditty' sheet.

How to support your child at home:

**Day 1** Sound out the words in the book introduction together. Read the book letting your child sound out the words without help.

**Day 2** Read again. Help if they are stuck on a word, by just saying the word and allowing the flow not to be interrupted.

**Day 3** Read the whole book **to your child** with expression, then ask your child to add expression when they read the book to you.

**Day 4** Read the book one more time (maybe to a different adult).

Celebrate increased fluency over the week, use of expression, spotting special friends and paying attention to punctuation.

Questions to ask your child:

Did that make sense?

What happened at the end?

Why was the character happy/sad?

Did you pause at full stops or commas?

We will still be giving out stamps on certificates in the same way so please continue to sign the reading record. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Hainsworth  
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