

# SUPPORTING READING AT HOME– Parents Information

## RECEPTION



### Dear Parents/Carers

#### Sight Vocabulary

Today your child will have some word flashcards which they bring home. Cut the words out and help your child to read these quickly by memory with no 'sounding out'. This is an important reading strategy to develop. Please do not spend any longer than 2-3 minutes doing this, little and often is best. Keep the words safe and each week on a Friday we will send home another set to practise. You can write the words you have been practising in the reading record.

#### Phonic Flashcards

Your child has some phonic flashcards too. On one side of the card is the letter / sound that we have been learning and on the other side of these cards there are some simple words that your child can read by 'sounding out' for example c-a-t cat. We teach children to read these words by touching the buttons drawn underneath the words (sound buttons) and saying the sound as they touch it. Then they put the sounds together to read the word (blending).

#### Reading Book

On Thursday this week your child will receive a reading book. Your child's reading book will be changed twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. Staff will check the reading record book on these days to see if it has been signed by you before they change the book. This ensures that you and your child have had the chance to read together before a new book is given.

Many Thanks

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Keep the reading book and reading record in your child's book bags and send them to school every day.
- Make time to practise reading regularly with your child – regular short bursts of practice are best
- Write the date and title of the reading book you have practised so that we can see it is ready to be changed on a Monday or a Thursday
- Let us know how reading at home is progressing by leaving a comment in the reading record.
- Read a range of other books with your child – talk about the pictures, read to your child if they do not know the words, enjoy book time
- Explore different ways of learning the sight vocabulary words – make it fun by playing hide & seek with the words or make snap cards.....



**Thank You**