

Guidance for Home Reading Books in Foundation Stage and KS1

Foundation Stage

Children have a reading book which is used to develop their decoding skills. This is generally an ORT book, although may be from a similar scheme running alongside. These books are grouped for ability and teachers use their professional judgement to provide children with appropriately levelled texts.

From the Spring term, the children will also be given a book of a similar level which is not part of the scheme to promote a wider variety of reading material.

Key reading skills and promotion of the love of reading is also achieved through the allocation of Story sacks from the Spring term and children choose a book from the school library weekly.

Year 1

Children continue to read books from ORT working through the stages. This is supplemented by books from the Rigby Rocket scheme and some phonic books for children who need more texts at a similar level before moving on through the ORT stages.

As children become more fluent in their decoding, they will move onto book banded books, to provide a wider range of reading material across a range of genres, which allows the exploration of wider reading skills. This will generally be when they are reading ORT level 8, from around Term 4. This is a flexible start date to accommodate more able readers.

Children will also have a library book weekly.

Year 2

All children will be on the book banding system. This includes ORT as well as a wide range of alternative texts.

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