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Reading books

Your child has already come home with their first reading book. This is currently a wordless book or story card that the children can create and retell their own stories. Today your child will also bring home a book with words. These words will only contain sounds that we have taught in phonics. As the children are still developing their segmenting and blending skills we advise that this book is used as a sharing book between you and your child. The children have been taught to use their 'bossy phonics finger' to say each sound slowly before trying to put them back together for example 'p-i-n' 'pin'. The children will need additional support in being able to blend the words back together. Please do not worry if this is something that your child is still struggling with as we have only learnt a total of 8 sounds so far. The best thing to support your child is with lots of modelling and repetition of the segmenting and blending. Please also ensure that you are practicing the single sounds in your child's fluffy word pot as more confident recognition of singular sounds will support their blending skill. We will also be practicing these at school and will tick on the back of the words every time your child gets the sound correct. Please do not tick the back of the sounds as this is something we only do in school to assess the children's knowledge. Finally a reminder to continue to fill in your child's reading record when they have read as this will be counted at the end of the half term for certificates and a prize giving. Thank you for your continued support,

Year R team

