

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.



Dr. Seuss

Supporting reading and sharing books at home

Once we have finished assessing the children's starting points. Reception children will soon begin to bring home a reading book matched to their learning during their daily Sounds Write sessions. Further details on this will follow nearer the time. In the meantime, each day we will place our Honeybee library book trolley outside our main classroom doors. Please feel free to allow your children to select as many books as they would like to take and share with you at home.

Ways to support with reading can include:

- Identifying the main parts of the book, I.e., front cover, back cover and title.
- Discussing the author/illustrator of the book and making links to any other stories you may have shared together.
- Pointing to the words as you read them. This helps to build up an understanding of print having meaning, as well as teaching children about the direction in which we read.
- Identifying and discussing key characters, their actions and their feelings.
- Talking about key events in the story, including making predictions about what children think might happen next.
- Allowing time for your child to discuss their favourite parts in the story and why.
- Involving your child in listening out for rhyming words or repetition of key phrases and encouraging them to join in with this. *It can be effective to begin reading a known sentence aloud, before pausing to see if children can recall which words or key phrases follow on.*
- Spending time look at non fiction books as well as stories as much as possible.

Within class we often spend a good number of days re-reading the same story, as this has been shown to hugely benefit early reading and comprehension skills. The more familiar a child becomes with a text, the more meaning and understanding they will gain. Re reading key stories also helps to deepen their use of new vocabulary and build up a better awareness of different patterns of language. With this in mind please don't ever feel pressured to return our home time library books back to us straight away. Keeping the same book(s) and re-reading for a week at a time is great!

Many thanks and happy reading!

The Honeybee Team. 