

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really pleased with how well the children have settled into school. This week the children began to learn some of the characters from the Oxford Reading Tree stories and listened to stories as a class.

Reading is a very important part of learning development at school and we would like your support with reading at home. We will be reading with the children individually once a week and we encourage you to read at least 3 times a week with your child (using books from home as well as online reading) Please make time to sit quietly with your child and share a book together. School books will not be coming home with the children at the moment but please sign up to Oxford owl e-books <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> It is free to sign up and you will be able to access a range of stories to share with your child. As the children progress they will be able to read book online via BugClub.

Initially we would like you to encourage your child to look at the Age 4-5, lilac band books on Oxford Owl. Allow your child to tell their own story using the pictures, then they can listen to the audio.

These books do not have any words in them. They are a good way to develop your child's imagination and use the picture clues in the book to tell you the story. You can ask questions, such as 'What is happening on this page?' 'What do you think might happen next?' 'How do you think this story will end?' We focus

a lot in class on the beginning, middle and end of stories. We also look at characters and settings. Please encourage your child to become familiar with the Oxford reading tree characters (Mum, Dad, Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy).

Thank you for your continued support, we are looking forward to a great year of reading.

Reception Team

