

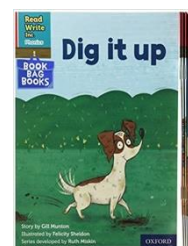
Dear parents,

During your child's time in Foundation Stage, they will begin their journey to becoming readers. We hear every child read daily in our Read Write Inc. phonic lessons. Reading at home is a vital part of your child's development and progression, in all areas of their life.

Our reading scheme is as follows:

Please note your child must know the first 10 sounds – m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g and o to be given the first book.

A RWI Book Bag book -please re-read throughout the week. These books are completely matched to the sounds your child is learning in their phonic, RWI sessions. Your child should be able to blend and read all words in the book. They have been designed to allow your child to have a feeling of 'reading success'.



Please note – your child has just started on their reading journey so even though these books are matched to what is covered in our RWI lessons, until your child has a secure recall of the sounds and they can blend 'Fred Talk' the sounds to read words they will need your encouragement and help from you. As the year progresses you should find your child can read these books unaided.



A RWI Storybook –these will be given out once your child has reached a certain point in the RWI scheme. It is very normal for children to reach this stage at different points and this type of book will only be given to your child when they are ready. Usually, you will see should see these books appearing in your child's book bag from spring term onwards.

This book will be a direct copy of the story your child has read in their RWI group. They will have read this book, a number of times at school. We send these black and white copies home so your child can 'showcase' their reading to you and have an immediate sense of achievement. These will be given out at the pace of your child's RWI group rather than on a set day.

A sharing book

A 'sharing book' is for you to enjoy with your child. They are for you to read and NOT your child. The purpose of a 'sharing book' is to broaden your child's vocabulary, enriching and extending the words that they hear and then use. It is also an important tool to develop your child's love of reading. These books will be picture books, non-fiction and poetry texts.

In summary:

RWI Book Bag Books Monday book change	A complete match to what we are covering in RWI – please support until your child's has a secure recall of sounds and they are confident in 'Fred talking' blending.	These books are coming home now. Starting with Sound Blending Books
RWI Storybook A new book will be given in line with group reads, no set day.	This is a complete match to your child's phonic knowledge. This is an opportunity for your child to read like a 'storyteller' as they will have read the story in class a number of times.	These books will start to come home from around spring term. Watch out for a Ditty Sheet – this is a sheet your child reads in school and prepares them for the RWI Storybooks.
Sharing books Monday book change	This is for you to read to your child. Enjoy together!	These books are coming home now.

Book change will be on **Monday** each week. We encourage re-reading the books throughout the week rather than swapping a book after a first read. Repeat reading is vital as it will strengthen your child's blending skills, especially in early reading development. This will increase their accuracy in reading words and then impact positively in their fluency and enjoyment of reading. Reading a book more than once enables better comprehension skills and more opportunities to talk about the story, once the words have been accurately and fluently read.

Please keep all books in your child's book bag at all times as your child may be asked to read any point during the week. Thank you for all your continued support and home help.

Reading little and often at home is hugely beneficial and helps your child succeed in all aspects of school life. Please write in your child's reading record when they have read a book – sharing books do not need to be recorded.

Many thanks,

The Foundation Stage Team