



The Love of Reading...

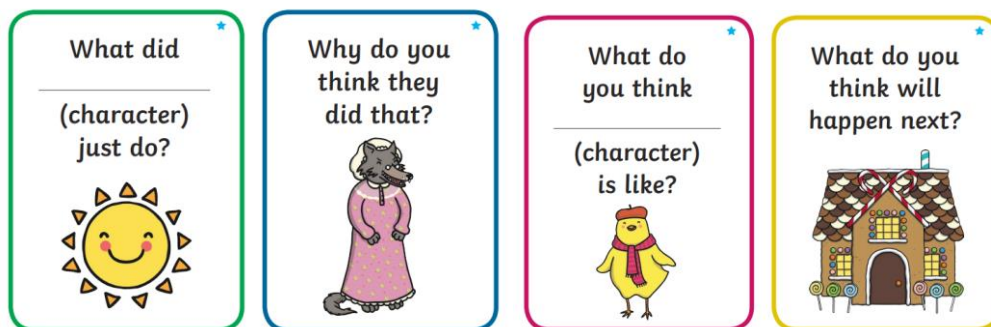


Reading in Reception starts by the love of books. The children begin to learn the foundations of early reading skills. This begins by them understanding that pictures create stories, text is read top to bottom, left to right and that words give meaning to the story. As they progress children begin to link letter sounds to words enabling them to start to decode words. Therefore, the reading scheme book your child brings home has been selected at the appropriate level of challenge, to match your child's phonic knowledge and reading skills. This will allow them to practise and consolidated their phonic learning through the context of the book.

Books are a wonderful way to support your child's language while widening their knowledge of the world through reading a selection of non-fiction and fiction books. When reading with your child encourage them to:

- **Look at the front cover - Can your child predict what the book might be about by looking at and talking about the pictures or decoding the sounds? Can they read the title? Talk about who the author or illustrator is? Have they heard of any other books written by the same author?**
- **Talk about the characters**
- **Talk about the structure of the story – beginning, middle and end**
- **Ask your child to re-tell the story in the correct order**
- **Ask them to make their own ending, then read on – was theirs the same**
- **Talk about new and unfamiliar language and give meaning to those new words. You could model this within a sentence.**

Using these types of questions will get your child to think about the story, build their own ideas about them and understand the structure of the story.



We have provided you with some key question cards to help you support your child whilst reading. Please feel free to place them on the table upside down, and ask your child to pick a card. This will make it more fun and interactive. As your child becomes more confident in reading and is able to focus for longer periods you will be able to ask more questions. These cards are for your use only and do not need to be brought back to school.

As your child progresses through the reading scheme and becomes more familiar with high frequency words, blending and segmenting of the words, they will develop their fluency and pace, but this comes with time, repetition and a lot of practise.

Each **Friday**, your child will bring home a reading book **for them to read to you and** a 'free choice' story book **for you to read to them or read with them.** Please sign this diary once it has been read and return it, with the book, inside your child's bookbag on Mondays. Please feel free to note any queries or messages you may have to let us know how your child is getting on.

A reminder – Please bring bookbags in on a Monday with your child's reading book and home school diary in and it will be returned to you on a Friday with new books.

The Reception Team

