



Reception / Acorn Class! Reading



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our approach to early reading can be found via our school website. We explain the phonics we teach, how the children learn the sounds and share with you how you can help your child learn to read. Our Reading presentation, supporting documents and web links can be found via the link below -

<https://ellelstjohns.school/classes/acorn-class/acorn-reading/>

At Ellel, after reviewing our reading schemes, we have decided to improve our book changing system. This should ensure that your child makes the best possible progress. We aim to foster a love of reading and a secure knowledge of individual letters and sounds.

Children will begin with a reading book without words. Do they hold the book the correct way up? Can they turn the pages one at a time? Can they talk about what is happening in each picture? Can they tell the story? Can they guess what may happen next? Can they spot something in the picture that begins with the sound 's'? etc. There are a wealth of reading opportunities even within a book with no words!

The children will be slowly introduced to books with the sounds that they have been taught in school. Can they recall the sounds? Can they blend the sounds in order to read the word? Can they hold words in their head so that they recall the sentence? Can they answer questions about what they have read?

These books will be changed at your child's pace and our teaching pace. We aim for reading confidence and fluency. Once blended can your child recall the words, story, narrative, characters? etc. Rereading improves your child's reading fluency.

Please ensure that you record in the Reading Record Book when you hear your child read or share a book together. The communication between parent and teacher is vital in order to ensure your child's progress and their pace.

We aim to look in each Reading Record Book on a Monday and a Thursday to see how your child got on at home. This will help to provide us with a starting point when hearing your child read in school.

Please do not hesitate to speak to either of us if you have a questions or queries,

Mrs Tyson and Mrs Reeve