

Please keep a record of when you read with your child in their reading diary. We expect our children to read EVERY night. Research shows that the best young readers are those that practise every day.

What does Year 2 reading homework include?

- ◆ Read each home reading book twice. Focus on developing pace and fluency and ensuring that your child is understanding what they read.
- ◆ Practise reading the Year 2 common exception words on sight.
- ◆ Read your child's Year 2 Recommended Read book and/or their library book together.
- ◆ Phonics/reading homework. Your child will bring home weekly reading homework. This might be focused on blending words to read them or on answering specific questions after reading a passage of text.

Reading together—Top tips!

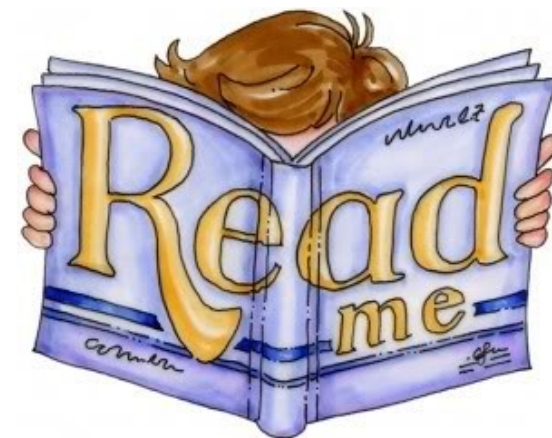
- ◆ Daily practise is the key to helping your child to master the skill of reading.
- ◆ Enjoy it! Make reading an enjoyable experience. Choose a quiet time where games consoles, tablets and the TV are switched off so that your child can concentrate.
- ◆ Be positive. Praise your child for trying a new word, even if they don't get it quite right.
- ◆ Use the questions on the 'Reading Together' leaflet to help your child develop their understanding.
- ◆ Encourage your child to read by themselves to. We have well stocked book corners in Year 2 and pupils are welcome to borrow books to enjoy at home.

Happy reading!

Priestsic Primary School



Helping your child
with reading



Year 2

Why reading matters



Reading books with your child is the most important thing you can do to help them become confident and successful readers.

- ◆ Go to bed with a book! Reading a story at bedtime every night to your child is really important. Sharing books and stories at any time in the day is vital to develop your child's reading—and it is very enjoyable too.
- ◆ You are your child's main reading role model! What you do at home really makes a difference. Let your child see you reading. This will encourage them to be readers too.
- ◆ Reading is an essential life skill. It helps children to increase their vocabulary, develop their speech skills, use their imagination and learn about the world around them.

Reading at school



In school, we teach the specific skills of reading in whole class lessons, in groups, through independent activities and through one to one reading. In Year 2, children also have a daily phonics, spelling and grammar session which is where they continue to learn to chunk and blend to read and segment to spell accurately. We also read stories and poems to our classes every day learning about authors and different types of books. We encourage and promote reading in all our learning and in all areas of our classroom environment.

By Year 2, children should be decoding well and reading with some degree of confidence and fluency. Their phonics knowledge should be secure and they should be confident to blend phonemes in longer words to work them out. We continue to work on decoding in Year 2, teaching pupils how to 'chunk' words into syllables. We also work on how their reading sounds (expression, pace and intonation) to support pupils to read fluently. Fluency in reading is vital to support children to

understand what they read. If they are having to work out every word, it is really difficult for them to understand **what** they are reading. We work really hard in Year 2 to support children to develop their understanding of what they read. We do lots of work on reading comprehension—talking about books and stories, answering and asking questions, and giving opinions too!

We teach children in Year 2 to:

- ◆ **retrieve** information from the text to answer questions
- ◆ **infer** about characters and story plots
- ◆ **predict** what might happen next
- ◆ **sequence** the events so far
- ◆ understand the new **vocabulary** that they meet when they read.

Due to Health and Safety guidance, staff members will not currently be writing in your child's reading diary. This is for you to record in when you read with your child at home. We will, however, let you know when your child has read in school by sending home a reading slip which explains what your child worked on during their reading session. Please be assured that your child will still be reading in school regularly and that reading remains our top priority in Year 2.

Reading at home



Currently, due to Covid-19 guidelines, your child will be reading **DIFFERENT** books in school to the ones we send home. We will change your child's home reading books once a week. Wherever possible, and where our book stock allows, we will send home 2 bookbanded books a week for you to read together. Please read these books at least twice each—once to practise decoding skills and once for pace, fluency and to develop understanding.