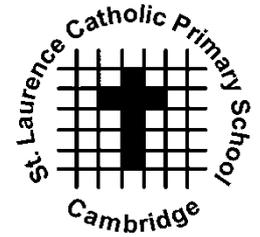


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## Reading at home with your child

Dear Parents and Carers,

To develop your child's reading skills it is important that reading happens daily. Your role in helping your child learn to read is vital. Please spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child. You can develop your child's understanding of reading by talking with them about what you have read together.

At St Laurence we teach phonics systematically using a government endorsed scheme called Letters and Sounds supplemented by some strategies from Jolly Phonics. All children access a daily taught phonics session with lots of repetition and opportunities to practice their phonics knowledge throughout the school day.

All children bring home a reading book to practice phonics and a book to share and read for pleasure. The phonetically decodable book should be read and reread daily to practice phonic sounds your child has been working on in school.

To help your child read the words in the book you can use some of the following techniques:

- Sounding out the word and blending the sounds for reading, e.g. c – a – t, sh - ou – t, B – i – ff
- Use the pictures on the page to give a visual clue
- Identify "tricky words" that they will be learning in school e.g. the, put, was

It is also important that children develop their comprehension skills alongside phonics development so the children read for meaning. To develop this skill we encourage you to ask questions about the book e.g.

- What was the name of .....?,
- Where did .....?
- Why did.....?
- Who do you think.....?

Please sign the Reading Diary when you hear your child read. Any comments or questions are welcomed and we will always endeavour to respond to these as soon as possible.

Thank you

from The EYFS team

