

Changes to KSI Home Reading books

In order to better support your child with his/her reading, we have changed the way that we will provide home reading books throughout Reception and KSI.

As of October 2019, you will notice that your child will begin bringing 2 reading books home with them each week.



Book 1: This book will be linked to the phonic learning that your child has been doing at school. Your child should have learned each of the sounds present within this book and they should be able to read it out loud to you. They may use their phonics to sound out and blend each word, and may still need your help at times. This book will have a 'Listen to me read' book mark in to help you differentiate between the two books.



Book 2: This book is a book to read and enjoy with your child. Your child may not be able to decode this book or read it independently. You can read this book to them/with them and ask your child questions about the characters and the plot. You may re-read this book multiple times during the week to support your child's enjoyment and comprehension. This book will have a 'Read with me' sticker stuck on the front to help you differentiate between the two books.

After your child completes all of the phonic sounds and passes their phonic screening test, they will bring home one book which can be changed as often as they like.

We hope that these new changes will support your child in applying the sounds at home that they have learned in school and allow you to see their progress.

On the back of this letter, I have included some questions that you could ask your child after they have read their books. These questions will help your child to understand the text better and to make comparisons and links between books and stories.

If you have any queries please speak to your child's class teacher.

When you are reading, don't forget about...
Very Smart Rhinos In Pyjamas

V is for vocabulary (the words authors use).
S is for sequencing (the order they choose).
R is for retrieval (find it and write it down).
I is for inference (asking 'why?' and 'how?').
P is for prediction ('what will happen next?').

To read like a smart rhino, just follow these 5 steps!

think first version