Home Reading Year 2

In Year 2, reading at home is an essential component of the learning to read process. Readers will be changed once a week on the children’s guided reading day. The children will be taking home books slightly below their instructional level, which are easier than the books they will be reading at school. This will help your child build their confidence, fluency and comprehension.

The children will also have a Reading Log. We ask you to help your child fill this in each day and return with the book on the set day. As well as recording the reader from class we encourage you to record other books read by your child, books read to your child and books you read with your child.

We believe that parents are wonderful role models; this shared reading experience is a vital part of your child’s reading development and essential in nurturing their lifelong love of reading. Books to share can be from the school or local library or your own bookshelf. They can be fiction or non-fiction, the main selection criteria are that they will engage your child’s interest and help develop their confidence, comprehension and fluency.

Some Handy Hints on Helping your Child to Read

Listen to your child read every day. Here are some ideas to use now and then, but remember some reading should just be for pleasure:

• Look at the cover, title, pictures and talk about what the book might be about
• Talk about the story so far and what might happen next
• After reading, talk about the story and ask questions
• Talk about the pictures and how they add meaning to the text
• Take turns when reading a harder book.

Remember the three Ps for new words: pause, prompt, praise.

*That is, allow your child time to work out the word (pause), use clues taken from the context (prompt) and praise your child for trying.
*If necessary, however, simply tell your child the word.

From the Year 2 Learning Team.