



Gayton Church of England Primary Academy

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Reading in EYFS at Gayton Primary Academy

Reading in School

- Your child will be taking part in daily reading practise during their daily phonic sessions
- Your child is encouraged to practise their reading during enhanced provision time through play
- Every child is heard to read by an adult. Children take part in 'reading groups' which take place 3 times a week. Each session has a different focus.
 1. **Decoding.** We read through the book looking carefully at the graphemes (letters) and say the corresponding phonemes (sounds) before blending. For example c-a-t = cat. This sounding out and blending is a strategy to support them when they come across a word they cannot read from sight. As they gain confidence we encourage them to sound out in their head and blend aloud.
 2. **Prosody.** We model how to read with expression to make it interesting. We discuss the different features we come across e.g. exclamation/question marks and how it may change the way we read the words.
 3. **Comprehension.** We read the book again then the adult will ask questions to check the children's understanding of what they have read.
This book will then come home with your child to practise at home for a week.

Reading at home

Your child will be bringing home a few different books to share with you.

- **Books that can be read by the child independently.** These books are designed to seem 'easy' as we want children to feel empowered with their reading and give them a sense of 'I can do this!'. It removes the frustration and 'guessing' as they can use their skills and phonic knowledge to read. This book will be;
 - Their reading group book (they will have read this 3 times in school already matched specifically to their phonic knowledge)
- **Reading for pleasure - A 'recommended read'.** This is a high quality language rich book from our library that we would like you to share with your child. Your child is not expected to read this book independently. This is a book that they have chosen to read for pleasure and enjoyment. They have chosen it themselves as they are interested in it. Please read this book to your child and share lots of lovely conversations about the book and pictures.

Book change days -

Reading for pleasure - 'recommended read' - Tuesday

Phonic book - to be read by the child - Friday

Please note any reading in the yellow reading record. This is for your use as you wish. Please ensure books are returned as we cannot send a new one home until the previous book has been returned. Thank you for your understanding.

As always, any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs. Edwards

