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Dear Parents & Carers,

At Farsley Westroyd we know that partnership with parents is paramount in ensuring children's success. Below please find information about home learning and what you can do to support your child.

Nursery

In Nursery you will find a range of different suggested activities that you could try at home. You can find these on our website under the Nursery class page. We suggest trying 1 activity per week. The activities often link to current learning over the half term and cover a range of different areas of learning. Every Wednesday children in Nursery can choose a library book from our Nursery Lending Library. The lending library box will be placed outside our class door each Wednesday. Please note down in our lending book which book you have taken. If your child goes to wraparound we will change their book for them. Later in the year once children have settled, we will rotate sending home 'busy bags'. In these bags there are different activities linked to a story or song. Your child will receive a busy bag when it is their week as a focus child. During your child's focus week, we ask that you add something to Tapestry to show what you have been doing at home.

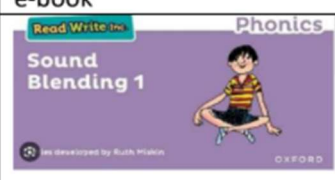
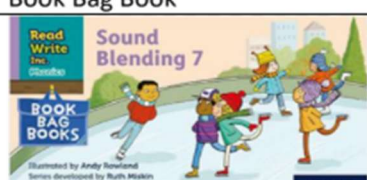
Reception

Reading & Phonics

At Farsley Westroyd we use the scheme 'Read, Write, Inc' to teach phonics and early reading. In order to help you support your child we are holding an information and workshop session on **8th October at 2.30pm** in the main school building. Children in Reception are at the very beginning of their reading journey. At Farsley Westroyd we want children to love reading. Children in Reception start by having a Library book each week to encourage 'Reading for Pleasure'. This book is to be read by an adult to your child. This will be sent home / swapped on a **Thursday**. As children learn each letter sound we will send home virtual classroom videos. These will be shared on the Reception class page on our website. We suggest watching 1 per day with your child to support their knowledge of each letter sound. You will also be able to access videos of 'Fred Games' on the Reception class page. These games support your child's ability to blend words. Once your child can begin to recognise some single letters and can blend words (this is usually around October/November) they will get the following books each week; an e-book, a Book Bag Book and a free choice library book to read for pleasure. An example is below:

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e-book	Book Bag Book	Reading for pleasure
		

e-books

This book is sent home via your child's Oxford Owl log in. Your log in for this will be stuck in your child's reading diary. This book will be sent every **Friday**. This book is the same book that children have read that week during their Read, Write, Inc. lessons. It is your child's opportunity to show you how hard they are working with their reading!

Book bag books

Alongside the e-book allocation, your child will also take home a Book Bag Book. These books are supplementary to the e-book and are to allow your child to consolidate their sound blending in correspondence with the storybook they have read that week. The books will have similar sounds, words and themes to the book they have read in their phonics sessions. As this book is to support with consolidating your child's sound blending, we encourage an adult to sit with them to help them with this. By reading and re-reading the book throughout the week, your child will build up their fluency and confidence. We recommend they read at least 3 times a week and you sign their reading diary to show this.

Reading for pleasure

The final element of our home-reading plan is to encourage children to develop a real love for reading. In addition to the Book Bag Book they will take home; your child will also choose a reading for pleasure book from our library for them to read with an adult and talk about at home. This will be sent home and then swapped once a week.

We have heavily invested in new books so you must care for these books and ensure they stay in your child's book bag and are returned to school. Any lost or damaged books cost **£5** to replace. It is crucial you return the books each Friday to be swapped for a new book.

Our scheme means that children will be reading every day during these lessons and in their small group whilst the reading teacher supports and models. Therefore, adults will only mark in their reading diary if they have read with them outside of the daily Read, Write, Inc. lesson. However, staff will check your child's diary regularly to see how they are getting on at home.

Numbots

In your child's reading diary, they will have a log in for 'Numbots'. This can be accessed via your browser or by downloading the app. There are a range of games and activities based on mathematical learning on this app to explore. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Dennison

Reception Class Teacher and phonics lead.