

Stanton Cross Reading Newsletter Spring 2



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our next instalment of our reading newsletter! The weeks and months are flying by and our children are enjoying their Phonics and Reading lessons in school, with the children continuing to make lots of progress. In Year 1, the children are working towards the annual Phonics Screening Check which will take place in June. More information follows in this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher, myself or Mrs Holland our Phonics and Early Reading lead, if you have any other questions.

Many thanks

Miss Gedney and Mrs Holland



World Book Day 2025

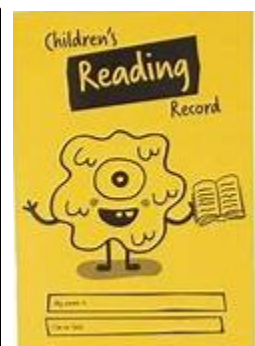


It was wonderful to celebrate World Book Day as a school together, with the children dressed up and sharing books together. It was such a successful day and we hope that you enjoyed it! Thank you to all who came to our Book and a Biscuit event, we hope to do more of this in the future.

If you would like to become a Reading Volunteer and hear children read in school, please email the office and I will share the volunteer application form to start the process. Thank you!

Reading Records

Please do remember to read and sign your children's reading record. There are key messages shared by class teachers including information about their Phonics sounds and groupings, spellings and new books to read.



A date for your diary:
Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting for parents: **15th May @ 2.30pm**

Mrs Holland's Phonics Updates



We are so impressed with the progress children are making with their reading...all children in Year R have been re-assessed so your child may be in a new group after the Easter break. Please check your child's reading diary to see what group they will be in. Children in Year 1 and 2 will remain in their current reading groups.

During parents evening, many parents asked for clarification on how to pronounce the sounds your children are learning...here is a link to a sound guide:



How can you help your children at home?

3. Help your child read the Sound Blending Books

Ask your child to read each word in sounds (Fred Talk) and then say the word. Then, he or she can turn over and check if they're right.



4. Help your child read the Storybooks

Black and White Storybooks

As soon as your child starts to read the *Read Write Inc. Phonics* Storybooks, he or she will bring home a black and white Storybook. This is a copy of the colour version he or she will have read at school.

Your child will have read this story three times with their reading teacher, so should be able to read the story confidently.

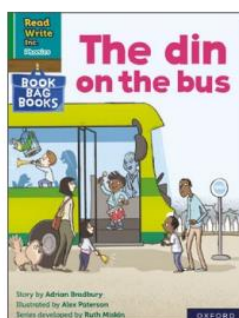
A brief explanation of how to follow the activities is included in the books.



Book Bag Books

Your child may also bring home a Book Bag Book. This book builds upon the ideas and many of the words in the Storybook he or she has just read. Your child will need more support in reading this book.

Again, explanations of how to use the activities are included in the books.



KS1: Questions to ask when reading at home:

What word on this page means the same as?

Why do you think the author used the word... to describe...?

Who is the main character?

When is the story set?

Find the part where...

Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less?

What do you think...means?

Why do you think that?

How do you think...?

When do you think...?

Where do you think ... will go next?

What do you think this book will be about? Why?



Spring Reading Challenge

Read a book
from the
Library

Read a book
with a Spring
theme

Read aloud to
someone at
home.

Enjoy being
read to by
someone in
your family.

Read a
recipe and
then make it

Read
outside in
the garden
or the park

Read a
poem

Read a non-
fiction book.

Pick up a
leaflet when
you are out
to read.



Do you need some inspiration for more books to read?
Here is a 'Bookshelf' full of books to enjoy for Reception,
Year 1 and Year 2 children. Have you read any already?
How many more can you read?

Reception Bookshelf

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Year 1 Bookshelf



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Year 2 Bookshelf