



Chestnuts Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our homework in Reception we would like you to share a reading book with your child **at least 4 times a week**. Your child will have a reading diary and will bring home a book to share with you. After sharing a book with your child, please make a short comment in the reading diary. You can change your child's reading book at the end of each day in the reading corridor in the main building. Please take one book at a time and choose from the given colour band.

Not every parent or carer finds it easy to read stories, but evidence shows that children whose parents (or other family members) read with them at home have a huge advantage in school. Reading with your child is critically important to their future success. Please find attached some suggestions to help make reading at home a positive experience for all concerned. We hope you find these hints and tips helpful.

Please remember, if you would like any help or advice about reading to your child, please talk to any of the Reception Team. We are always happy to help.

Thank you for your support with your child's learning.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Batey
Early Years Leader



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Tips for reading at home with your child

Before you start reading with your child

- Talk about the book. What is it called? Who is it by? Look at the pictures on the cover.
- Ask your child what they think the book is about.

When you are reading to your child

- Remember this should be an enjoyable time, sharing a book together.
- Use some of the following strategies, being careful not to spoil the flow of the story and to vary what you do each time you read.
 - Talk about the pictures.
 - Encourage your child to join in.
 - Point to each word as you read it.
 - Explain what unusual or difficult words mean
 - Occasionally, ask your child what they think will happen next
 - Talk about the characters in the story (who they are, what they are like, where do they live)

After you have read the story

- Chat about the story.
- What was your favourite part and did you like the story? Why?
- Look back at the best bits.



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