

How can you help your child to read at home?

- Find time for your child to read to you and for you to read to your child.
- Create a calm, comfortable space that your child will enjoy reading in.
- Encourage your child to read as widely as possible and to discuss what they have read.
- Give your child a choice over what they would like to read. (You could visit the local library together to choose books if this is possible.)
- Ask questions about the content of the book, the main characters and setting.
- See if your child can explain how a character is feeling and how they know.
- Prompt your child to make predictions about what may happen next.
- Support your child to work out unfamiliar words by sounding them out or using clues from the page.
- Stop your child if what they are reading does not make sense.



Blue Coat C.E. Infant School

Reading At Home - Information For Parents

At Blue Coat Infant School, we believe reading is a key skill that underpins a child's learning across the curriculum.

This leaflet is designed to help you to support your child with their reading at home. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.



Understanding the books your child brings home:

Book band/ colour	Approx. number of words	Read Write Inc. Books	Books used in ...
		Set 1 sounds (group A, B and C)	Reception - Autumn
1 Pink	Under 25	 Ditties pages 1-12	Reception – Spring
2 Red	25-45 45-80	 Ditties pages 13-42 Red Ditty books	Reception – Spring
3 Yellow	80-120	 Stories Set 1 Green	Reception – Summer Year 1 - Autumn 1
4 Blue	100-200	 Stories Set 2 Purple	Year 1 Autumn 2
5 Green	200-300	 Ditties pages 45-54 Stories Set 3 Pink	Year 1 - Spring
6 Orange	300-450	 Stories Set 4 Orange	Year 1 - Spring
7 Turquoise	450-600	 Stories Set 5 Yellow	Year 1 – Summer Y2 Autumn
8 Purple	600-850	 Stories Set 6 Blue	Y2 Autumn
9 Gold	850-1100	 Stories Set 7 Grey	Y2 Spring
10 White	1100-1500		Y2 Summer
11 Lime	1500-2000		Y2 Summer

Your child is likely to bring home both a book banded home reader and a Read Write Inc. book that they have been reading in their phonics group. The table on the previous page helps to explain the books that your child is reading.

We also read plenty of other books in school! Here are some of the key authors that we read in each year group. You may want to read other books by these authors together at home.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mick Inkpen • Judith Kerr • Allan Ahlberg • Eric Carle • David McKee • Shirley Hughes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Hargreaves • Jill Murphy • Nick Butterworth • Lynley Dodd • Oliver Jeffers • Dr Seuss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quentin Blake • Anthony Browne • Lauren Child • John Burningham • Roald Dahl • David Walliams

