



Wombwell Park Street Primary School

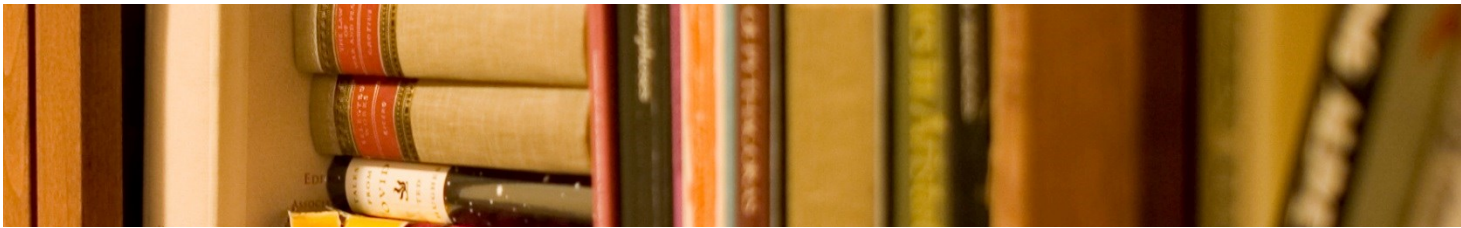
A parent or carer's guide to supporting our children as
readers

EYFS and KS1

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

-Dr. Seuss





Reading in the Early Years and Key Stage One

At Wombwell Park Street Primary School, we LOVE reading and our staff thoroughly enjoy sharing the magic of reading with our children every day!

We believe that reading holds the key to the rest of the curriculum and is a key skill that children need for life. As such, we provide lots of reading opportunities throughout our curriculum and also encourage children to read at home on a regular basis.

Reading opportunities in school

Our children begin their reading journey from the very first day when they start in our school. These are some of the reading opportunities children will experience throughout their time in our Early Years and Key Stage One classes:

- Daily phonics teaching using the RWI scheme (please see separate phonics guide for support with this area).
- Daily story times based on age appropriate, exciting texts to motivate the children to love books and reading.
- Regular opportunities to read books matched to the children's phonics knowledge so they can decode and read the book for themselves.
- Opportunities to share fiction, non-fiction and poetry linked to our current themes and topics across the curriculum areas.
- Exciting reading areas in every classroom and in areas throughout school where children can curl up and enjoy a book alone or with friends.
- In EYFS, books available in all areas of provision so the children can read for a purpose in their play.



Useful websites to support reading at home

[Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics | Oxford Owl](#)

[Free eBook library | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press](#)

[PhonicsPlay](#)

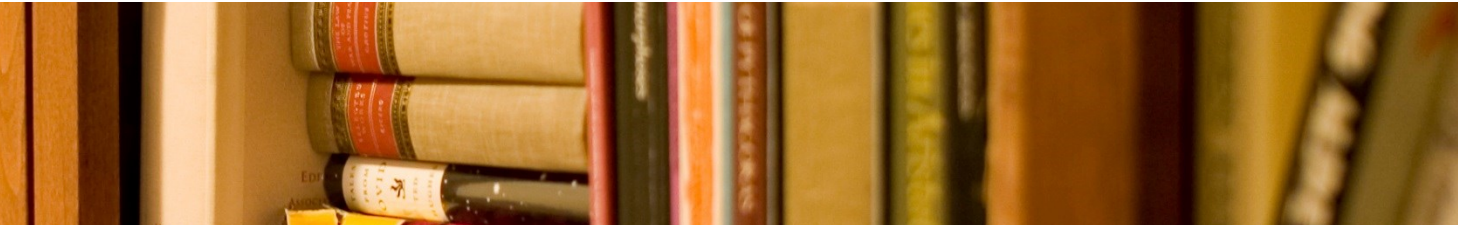
[Interactive Story Books online \(primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk\)](#)

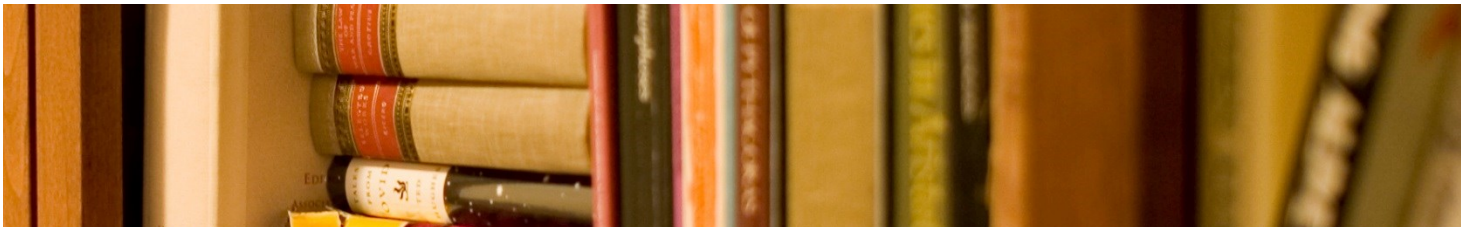
[Reading and writing - KS1 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

[ictgames || html5 English Games Page](#)

Here is a link to our own Wombwell Park Street virtual library where you can access a wealth of different books to share with your child online:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQy4NxzuixN3fHKhjAC_PoPHwjAfmA-z_R_9t-PV1k1ybTCgWYkLGYuTnxBRJp5l6wFVR-rHlpLMTTXk/pub?





How can I help my child at home?

- Let your child see you reading– it could be a book, a magazine, a recipe, a set of instruction etc. The idea is that they will learn that reading is enjoyable and we can read for a purpose.
- Share stories with your child lots! The more stories children hear, the more they will learn to love books and reading. Bedtime is the perfect time to cosy up with a favourite book but you can also enjoy the magic of reading at any time of day– inside the house, in the garden, at the park, in a den! Your child will learn to love reading and want to read for themselves.
- Support your child to read their RWI book bag book. These books are designed to be read over a number of days. Firstly, encourage them to read the green and red words on the first few pages (our phonics guide will support you with this). The first time they read the story, they will probably be sounding out most words and putting all their efforts into this. When they read the book again, you will notice that they will start to read more of the words without the need to sound them out and they will gradually begin to read it more fluently. On the third time of reading you can encourage them to use expression (a story tellers voice) and think about the content of the story. There are questions for you to ask your child at the back of each book.
- Please record any reading you do with your child in their reading diary so staff in school can see how they are getting on. Books will be changed once an adult has signed the diary and your child can earn reading stamps towards rewards in school.
- Encourage your child to read signs when you are out and about, comics, magazines, joke books etc. You could also visit the library together.

MOST IMPORTANTLY HAVE FUN AND YOUR CHILD WILL LOVE BOOKS AND WANT TO READ FOR PLEASURE!



Reading opportunities at home

We really value partnership with parents and want to work with you to support your child with reading at home as well as in school. The more practise children have with reading, the more confident they will become. These are some of the reading opportunities we will provide for you and your child to practise at home:

- Initially children will bring home new sounds to learn and practise each week linked to their phonics learning in school.
- Once children can blend to read simple words independently they will start to bring home books matched to the sounds they are confident with. They will bring home a RWI book bag book which will contain words using the sounds they know and they may also bring home a book they have been reading in school.
- Children will also bring home a library book to share with you. This will usually be beyond their independent reading level to support developing a love of reading.
- Your child may also have a link to an online book on the Oxford Owl website. Details of this will be shared with you at the start of the new school year.
- Once your child has mastered the phonics curriculum and is reading more fluently (usually towards the middle of Year 2), they will choose a book to read from our age appropriate book baskets. These books are appropriately matched to the age of the children to provide just the right amount of challenge while still enabling them to read independently.

