



Reception Reading Evening

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



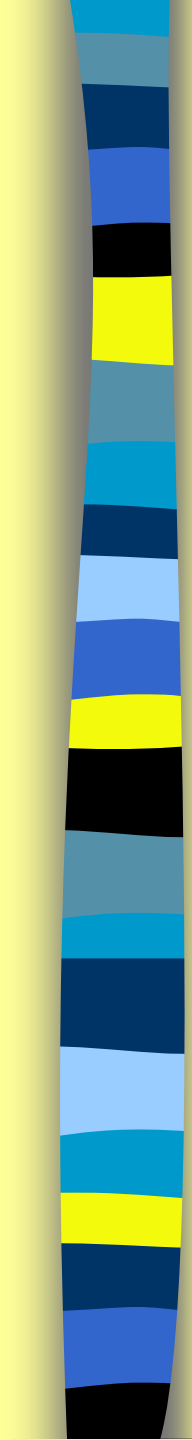
Aims of Tonight

- ‘The most important skill any child can leave primary school with is the ability to read independently and effectively for meaning.’



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- Reading is enjoyable
- Books need to be understood not just read
- Reading is a skill for life-not a race to be finished the quickest
- Comprehension is key to developing reading
- Phonics is one part of learning to read
- Home is the vital link in reading enjoyment



Reading in School

- Shared reading of books with the class.
- Shared reading of text on the Interactive Whiteboard.
- Guided reading with groups
- Individual reading with children with specific needs.
- General, daily reading opportunities.



Phonics

- Blending the sounds from the start of the word to the end of the word.
- Sounds are called Phonemes-there are 44 phonemes in the English language.
- A grapheme is what is written.



Why is phonics important?

- Learning phonics will help your children learn to read and spell.
- Written language can be compared to a code, so knowing the sounds of letters and letter combinations will help your child decode words as he reads.
- Knowing phonics will also help your child know which letters to use as they write words.



Graphemes and Phonemes

- All letters have a name and a sound
- Children understand it by thinking about animals –they have a name and they make a sound!
- e.g A cow moos!
- The letter A has a name and a sound.
- Children need to use the SOUNDS when learning to read.



Letters and sounds

- Phonics programme followed in school.
- Children in Reception are learning Phase 2 sounds.
- 6 phases altogether to be completed by the end of the Infants.
- Fast paced lessons and constant practice.



Home Reading

- Over to you!
- Supposed to be fun!
- Children are given books which support the work they are doing in school in reading.
- Initially a shared experience



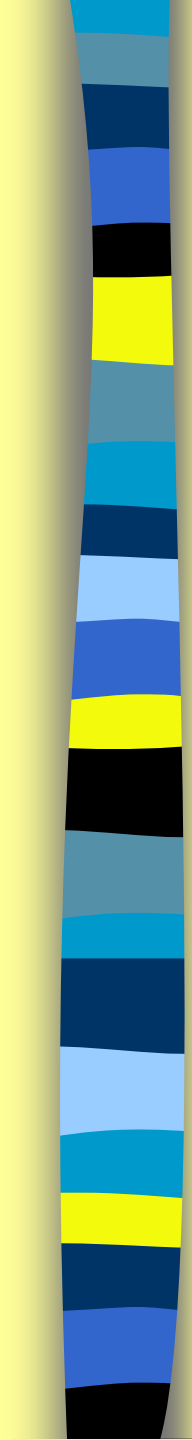
Talk to Read Talk to Write

- There are many fun ways to enjoy reading with children as part of your normal daily routine, and to encourage them to talk about reading.
- Children cannot read without being familiar with sounds through talk.
- Children cannot write without first being able to talk about their experiences or ideas.



Reading is for Life

- Make story time fun
- Create a quiet time in the day
- Focus on your child and the book
- Encourage response to the text
- Express your own enjoyment.



What reading with your child can do for you?

- Better relationships with your child
- Improved confidence in your ability to provide support
- An opportunity for a 'special' time of the day with your child.



Not just for Mums.....!

- Research shows that children benefit from reading with Dad as well as Mum!



Mums and DADS can help by:

- Talking to them about the world around them
- Encouraging them to chat and to listen to other points of view
- Setting aside a specific time each day for shared reading (e.g. bedtime)
- Singing songs they are familiar with



Comprehension

- Being able to read does not mean you understand what you read.
- Your child might sound like a good reader but may not necessarily understand what the text means.
- The best way to develop understanding is to talk about texts.



What to do if your child is stuck

- Use phonics first. What sound does the word begin with? Can you say the sounds in the word? Blend them together.
- Read to the end of the sentence. What would make sense?
- What is the text about – what might fit here?
- Does it sound right?
- Look at the picture. Does it help?



How to use these strategies at home

- John let his pet frog go.
- It ***** across the grass.
- What is the first sound?
- It h***** across the grass.
- What would make sense?
- It hopping across the grass.
- Does that sound right?
- It hopped across the grass.



Closed Questions!

- Do you like this book?
 - Do you like this character?
 - It's a good story isn't it?
 - Do you like reading?
 - Are you good at reading?
 - Do you like this kind of story?
 - Change these questions so that the answers cannot be yes or no.
- **What do you like about this book?**
 - **What do you think of this character?**
 - **Why do you think this is a good story?**
 - **What's great about reading?**
 - **Why are you a good reader?**
 - **What is it about these stories that you like so much?**



And there's more!

- Taking them to the library
- Reading with them and talking about the story and pictures
- Discussing how their heroes might use reading
- Showing them how reading can help them find out about their hobbies and interests
- Playing word games
- Involving them with your reading interests



How to help the boys!

- 'Research shows that when dad gets involved, their sons' and daughters' achievement is enhanced. Dads and other male carers are just as important as mums in encouraging children to enjoy reading - perhaps even more so, since reading is often thought of by boys as a "girly" thing to do.'



Reading

- Let your children pretend to read. If your child is familiar with books, they'll get on better when they start school.
- Help your child to join in. Let them turn pages and guess what happens next. Follow the words with your finger, point out pictures and talk together about the story.
- Use funny voices, toys and actions to make the characters come alive.
- Young children can get bored quickly, so little and often is best. A good ten minutes is better than a difficult half-hour.



Reading on

- Read yourself. Set a good example by reading for pleasure and talking about the reading you do at work and home.
- Find your family's top five reads. Ask everyone in your family to name their favourite reads - it could be a book, magazine, comic or newspaper. Involve grandparents, cousins etc. And see if the neighbours agree.



Ideas to help

- Spend 10 minutes a day reading together.
- Make it fun
- Choose books you both enjoy
- Talk about the pictures and the characters
- Make up your own stories
- Buy books as presents



Learning to read

- Praise is really important in encouraging a child to read.
- Some children need lots of practice and encouragement.
- Remind them of things they love which they had to practice to get good at-swimming or cycling.



Last Word!

- Reading is fun.
- Children need lots of praise
- If in doubt about anything ask school for guidance.
- We are always willing to help.