

Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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RWI Phonics at home

Dear Parents,

At St Thomas More, we follow the Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics scheme and Reception children have been accessing daily phonics sessions during their first half term in school. This Friday, we will be sending home a 'book bag' so that you and your child can continue to practise the phonics work we have been doing in class and spend some time sharing a story together.

Within your child's book bag, you will find a green 'My Set 1 Speed Sounds Book and a 'reading for pleasure story book' that you can share at home together. Your bag also contains a reading record for you to complete each week to let us know how your child is getting on at home. We have been publishing links to the Read Write Inc (RWI) Virtual Classroom on Tapestry , where you can access videos with your child to continue to work on the sounds we have covered in class each week.

As the children progress through the scheme, the contents of the 'book bags' will change dependant on the current stage your child is working at, linking to their RWI assessments. Therefore, each child's book bag contents will change and be different throughout the course of the year.

Within your child's bag, you will find:



-My Set 1 Speed Sounds Book – this is a book for you to use with your child to continue to revise and practise the Set 1 sounds that we have covered in class. The aim is that children will, in time, recognise the sounds and read the sounds speedily and confidently by just saying the sound that they see. Each page has a sound on and on the next page, the rhyme we use to practise writing the sound. Please return the 'My Set 1 Speed Sounds Book' in your child's book bag every **Thursday.**

-Reading for Pleasure book – this is a story book that your child has chosen for you to share, read and talk about at home. Please return the book in your child's book bag every **Thursday.**

-Reading record book – this is a record book where you can add your comments to let us know how your child is getting on at home and any feedback from the 'Reading for Pleasure' story that your child selected to take home. Please return in your child's book bag every **Thursday.**

-RWI Virtual Classroom links – these will be shared on Tapestry each week so that you can access the videos at home that compliment the work we have been doing in class each week.

We will collect all book bags once a week, **please return books bags on Thursday** and place them into your child's labelled class storage box that will be available in our outdoor area. We will then issue new books and hand these out on Fridays.

RWI have some short information videos available for parents to view online. You can find out more about the scheme by following the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbWIujM1WGM&list=PLDe74j1F52zSCiOMSn3zQDSzgu9TrbQ1c

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You can hear how the sounds are pronounced here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yln6PpV1G1I

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of the Early Years Team.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Early Years Team

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