



Tuesday 20th May

Home reading preparation for the PSC – supporting your child



Dear parents/ carers,

Your child has made super progress in their reading so far this year. Let's keep them reading this half-term to support them in maximising success in the Phonics Screening Check that will take place during the week commencing 9th June 2025. It is important that your child attends school during this period. Below are several ways in which you can support your child.

Watch Virtual Classroom films

We'll be sending links to:

1. Set 2 and/or Set 3 reading films to practise reading specific sounds and words
2. Pinny Time films to practise reading sounds speedily
3. Word Challenge films for practice reading a range of new words.

The plan

- Set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each day.
- Find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet.
- Praise your child as they join in with the lesson.

Listen to your child read every day

You will find *Read Write Inc.* Storybooks in the bookbag for your child to read to you. Choose a quiet time when they are wide awake.

Help your child to:

- read the sounds and words at the front of the book, before they read the story
- sound out any new words as they read the story.

Read back each page to them, after they have read it.

If the child has enjoyed the story, encourage them to read it again on the next day to increase their fluency. It is important that you offer your child opportunity to read more challenging multisyllabic words. These are words such as: cobweb, Saturday, unscrew. These words will appear on the Phonic Screening Check.

Most importantly, your child needs time to practice and patience to persevere with more challenging words. Thank you in advance for your support in giving your child the best chance in the upcoming Phonic Screening Check.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Fellows
Headteacher

How to support you child to prepare for the Phonic Screening Check

What is the phonic screening check?



Parent meeting: Set 2 and 3 sounds

What can you do to help at home?

1. Practise saying the sounds and the phrase.
2. Practise reading sounds speedily.
3. Help your child to use 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk' to read words.

How do I use the Virtual Classroom?

1. Set aside 10 minutes to watch a film with your child each day.
2. Find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet.
3. Praise your child as they join in with the lesson – make it fun!

Parent meeting: Read Write Inc. Phonics

What can you do to help at home?

1. Use Fred Talk to help your child to read and spell words (use sounds not letter names).
2. Encourage your child to read their RWI Storybook.
3. Watch the Virtual Classroom films together.
4. Read stories to your child every day.

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