

Reading at home



At Corpus Christi, your child is learning to read with **Read Write Inc. Phonics**, a very popular and successful literacy programme.

Your child is learning to read in a very simple way. He or she will learn to:

1. Read **letters** by their 'sounds'
2. Blend these sounds into **words**
3. Read the words in a **story**.

This booklet explains how you can support your child's reading at home.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher or Miss Quigley, the *Read Write Inc.* Reading Leader.



Black and White Storybooks

Your child will bring home a *Read Write Inc. Phonics* black and white storybook.

This is a copy of the colour version he or she will have read at school.

Your child will have read this story three times with their reading teacher, so should be able to read the story **confidently, with expression.**

A brief explanation of how to follow the activities is included in the books.

Book Bag Books

Your child will also bring home a *Book Bag Book*. This book has been produced in collaboration with the *Read Write Inc. Phonics* programme, to be in line with your child's reading at school.

This book builds upon the ideas and many of the words in the books they have read in their groups.

Your child may need more support in reading this book, although it will only contain words that they already know and/or can easily decode from the sounds they know. This will help to build their feeling of success and confidence with reading.

Again, explanations of how to use the activities are included in the books.



When reading with your child at home...

- Please do not read the book aloud before your child reads it to you.
- Ask your child to read the sounds and words before he or she reads the story.
- When your child reads the story, ask him or her to sound out the words that he or she can't read automatically. Don't allow your child to struggle too much. Praise your child when he or she succeeds.
- Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. (Your child's energy is going into reading the words not the story.)
- Do not ask your child to guess the word by using the pictures.

Each week your child will bring home storybook that they have chosen from our 'favourites' collections. Your child is not expected to be able to read this book. This is a book for you to share and enjoy together.