



St Luke's CE Primary School

16th November, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on our most recent audit of our home reading books. We have purchased a whole new set of phonics-based books for our children to use from Reception onwards. Guidance from the Department for Education recommends that early readers start with books that can be decoded, therefore we will be sending a phonics book home based on the sounds your child has been taught in school.

We also want to encourage the many other reading skills that are important for making your child a great reader so we will be sending a 'sharing' book home as well. The 'sharing' book may be colour coded or it may be from our school library. Some ideas of the reading skills you can work on together at home;

Reading skills

Use of pictures to help

Use and accuracy of phonics

Being able to read tricky words or common exception words

Going back to a word at the end of a sentence and self-correcting

Use of expression

Reading with fluency and accuracy

Reading with confidence

Having an awareness of, and responding to punctuation

In order to make this manageable for you, we will send one phonics book and one 'sharing' book home each week.

We have also downloaded a glossary for the terms that we use in our phonic lessons:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-lukes-cofe-vc-primary-school/UploadedDocument/693b89fb-3066-4c26-8ade-194fd7dcd8e4/ls-key-guidance-glossary2992.pdf>

As your child has a greater phonics knowledge, we will send home a book with a ZPD level as they will no longer need a phonics-based book. These will be based on reading assessments and will match your child's reading age.

There is information on about Myon on the link below:

<https://www.st-lukes-silverdale.staffs.sch.uk/reading-at-home-information/>

Children in the Juniors that no longer need a phonics-based book will continue with the books through Myon and Accelerated Reading.

The teacher will track your child's reading development carefully over time, we will check your child's ability to decode words using segmenting and blending skills and teachers will also use our school Reading assessment tool to check for ability to read with fluency as well as the ability to understand what has been read.

If you have any queries or questions about your child's reading, please speak with your child's class teacher.

With kindest regards,

Sam Ray