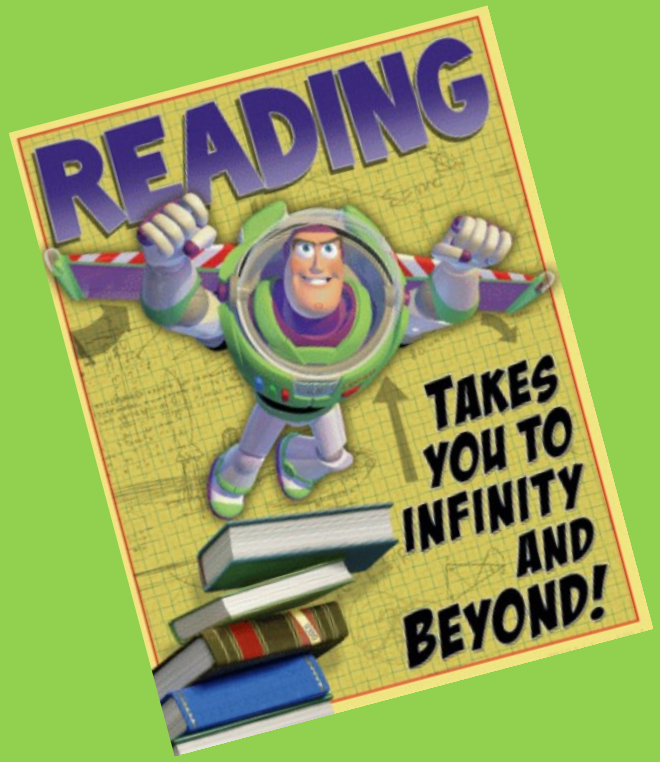
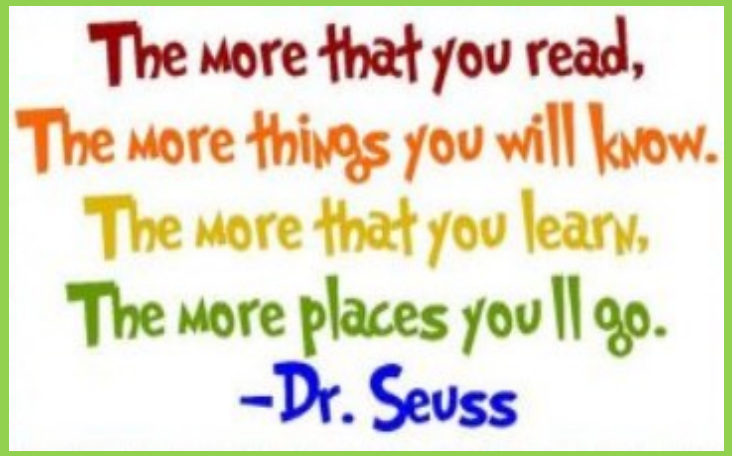


You can read everywhere!

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Yaxley Infant School

Reading practise folder

At Yaxley Infant School we believe reading is paramount to children's success. It is essential to develop a love of literature through widespread reading and enjoying that journey, wherever it takes you.

"I don't believe in magic. But I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book." - J. K. Rowling

Becoming a great reader in more than just reading words accurately; it's about enjoyment and pleasure found in getting lost in a good book and re-reading old favourites. It is also about fluency.

Reading at home is a key element of ensuring our children make good progress in their reading and have lots of opportunities to gain fluency. Lots of research has shown that children who read everyday go on to have far better life chances and it also has a very positive impact on their mental health and wellbeing. Reading increases children's vocabulary and feeds their naturally curious minds.

This folder / wallet contains:

- A reading diary for you to share the books you have read daily
- A book your child has chosen from the class/ school library– which they will change regularly
- A reading practice phonics book (Big Cat)– which must be returned to school daily
- A book mark - for our whole school challenge

This wallet and your child reading books must be **in school everyday**. The phonics reading practise books are part of a set and your child will be bring these home to practise fluency.

Q and A:

Q: How often will my child bring home a book? Children will bring home a phonics practise reading book once a week. Occasionally, they may have the same phonics reading book again, this is because they need to improve their fluency, as they have not yet reached 95% fluency (no sounding out.) They will also bring home a sharing book 2 or 3 times a week, for you to enjoy together.

Q: Is the phonics practise reading book the right level for my child? At school the children's phonics knowledge is assessed every 6 weeks. Children are also assessed daily and have support during the day to ensure they keep up. You may spot the children with stickers on their jumpers, these will be newly taught sounds they may need to practise at home. The phonics practice books are for you to share at home and enjoy, it should not feel like a chore, the aim is that your child will be able to read 95% of the book fluently: which means not decoding or sounding out words.

Q: What is the sharing book? We want our children to be life long readers, it is essential we encourage them to read for pleasure (not a struggle) The desire to want to read for pleasure, will help them with the skill of reading. To help foster a love of reading, children should take a book home that they can share and enjoy with you. Involving the children in the choice of this book is vital. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun and value their choice even if you have had it before...it is obviously a favourite!

Q: Have the colours of the reading books changed? The books are now organised in sequence with the sounds the children are taught that week, to allow them the opportunity to practise those taught sounds. The colours correspond with the phases in Letters and sounds and the range of books within a phase is now far greater, so please do not worry about the colour as this just shows the phase your child is working on.

Q: How do I know which phase my child is working on? A link to the teaching progression can be found here or on the Little Wandle website. Your child's class teacher will also share on 'Tapestry' the current teaching in phonics.

Q: How do I know the difference between the books in my child's wallet? The phonics practise book is published by Big Cat, Dandelion and Oxford Reading tree. The sharing book will be a children's book from our library eg: The Gruffalo.

Q: What should I write in my child's reading diary? Always be very positive, talk about what you enjoyed together in the sharing book. Comments on the phonics reading practise book should mention fluency and any words you have practised together. If your child reads without having to decode/ sound out, that is perfect, use this opportunity to check their comprehension with questions about what they have read or get them to reread with lots more expression/ prosody. If they stumble on a few words make a note of them, so they then can practise reading those words further.

Q: Where can I find out more? Our school website has a wealth of information about phonics, as does the Little Wandle website- parents section. There will also be lots of helpful info on 'Tapestry' as we go along.

Q: What if we would like to practise more? That is just wonderful, your child's reading is so important. The Big cat ebooks will be in Little Wandle phonics phases so you can access books online all the time. Your child's teacher will send through a log in, via Tapestry for you to get access to these. Sometimes, if books have not been returned we may use Big Cat eBooks instead of sending home a real book. All our new books are really expensive, so please look after them and if you damage or lose one we will have to charge for replacements.