

Reading in Reception

At Holmer, we celebrate reading and hope you too value the time you spend reading to your child. We encourage a reading for pleasure culture and have included inviting book corners and reading areas in all our learning areas. The children will take part in 'Trolley Time' each week where a book from our 'super six' reading list, class read list, 'Power of reading' or recommended read list will be shared in a small group. Our aim is to give each child an opportunity to be exposed to a variety of quality texts in a small and relaxed environment to foster a love of reading. During these sessions children will take part in 'book talk' focussing on developing their communication and language skills.

Reading records and reading scheme books

At Holmer we follow the Read Write Inc phonics scheme to teach reading. To ensure a fidelity of scheme and not to overwhelm children we will only send home sound sheets and books relevant to the Read Write Inc scheme.

To begin with children will bring home a reading record, green speed sounds book and relevant sound sheets to practice with an adult at home. We encourage you to also share a book from home while we will focus on teaching and imbedding sound knowledge at school. The 'Reading Record' book is there to help you keep track of the sound sheets you have practiced and as we progress onto the RWI scheme books it will allow us to see how your child is engaging with them. Each time you read together, please write the date, sound sheet they have been working on/or RWI book they are reading and a short comment e.g 'Well done Ralph you are using Fred talk to blend'.

As your child progresses through the RWI phonics scheme they will begin to read books which gradually introduce sounding out and blending using taught sounds and some tricky words that we will introduce to them in phonics sessions. When your child has read with an adult at school this will be written in the reading record. We would also like parents/carers to record when their child has read their RWI scheme book so we can see how they are getting along with reading at home. Repeating these texts several times over the week is crucial at this stage to build confidences and fluency in their early reading skills.

