

Catshill First School and Nursery

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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child will start to bring home reading books this week. They will have one phonically decodable book and a bedtime story. Try to read a bedtime story every evening to your child and make it a special, calm and cosy time. Please listen to your child read as regularly as possible and write in their reading diary (daily if possible). Their books will be changed once a week after reading with a member of staff. Your child may bring a book home with no words. Use these books to talk about the story and characters as this helps children with early reading skills.

Top Tips for Reading with Your Child at Home

- What is happening? Talk about what is happening in the pictures before you read the text. What can you see?
- Where is the story set? Have you read another story with the same setting?
- Who are the characters? What do they look like?
- Make predictions. What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that?
- Discuss feelings. How do you think the characters feeling? What has made them feel this way?
- You might want to take in turns to read so your child can hear how you read.
- Encourage your child to use expression when reading, especially for the voices of different characters.

Thank you.

The Early Years Team