

Top Tips



Be consistent—if you read every day your child will soon get into the routine

Do practice any phonemes and words noted on GoRead

Remember to record home reading on GoRead

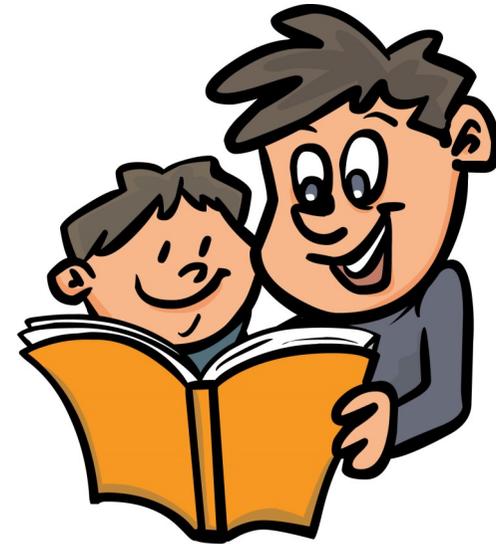
Keep it positive - praise their efforts

Do send their home book into school every day in their book bag

Don't worry! If you need any advice we are here to help!



Sherdley Primary School



Reading at Home in
Reception

Now that your child is learning to read in school, you can really help them to succeed by reading with them at home.

Find time to go over their phonemes and words, and share their book every day. Their home book will be noted on the GoRead App/Website, with a comment about which phonemes and words they need to practice.

Everyone has a different home routine, for some families the best time to practice is as soon as you get in from school, for others it could be snuggled up on the sofa, at bedtime, or before school. Finding the 5 to 10 minutes to read daily, will have a huge impact on your child's progress.

When you have read with your child, do remember to record their reading on GoRead. You can comment about how your child got on and note any phonemes or words they found difficult. Please don't "complete" the book on the app, if you do we can't get back into the record.

It is important that children read their book at least 3 times at home. The first time they are focussing on decoding, as they re-read and become familiar they can read words without decoding—we call this "speedy reading" - and start to focus on understanding what they have read.

If your child gets stuck on a word when they are reading, remind them to say the phonemes individually (this is called segmenting) and then blend them together quickly to hear the word. If your child still can't work out the word, then demonstrate blending the phonemes for them and move on.

Make sure you pronounce speech sounds clearly. Try to make them as short as possible – for example, the letter m has a short /m/ sound, not a continuous /mmmmmmm/ sound. Try not to add an extra sound onto the speech sound either (for example, the sound is /m/ and not /m-uh/). There is a link on our Class Pages to help you get familiar with the correct way to say the phonemes

Learning to read can be hard work for many children, so it's important to keep enjoying books together. Your child will also benefit from listening to books and stories that they can't read themselves yet. This might include non-fiction books about things they are interested in or longer stories with more adventurous vocabulary. A bedtime story is a lovely way to end the day and children benefit from being read to long after they have started to read themselves.