



# Learning to read: supporting your child at home

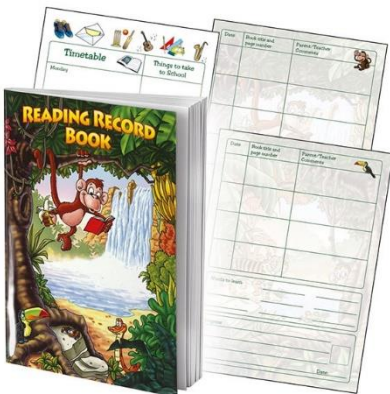
At school we are using the *Oxford Reading Tree* series to take your child through the early stages of learning to read. We are using the *Floppy's Phonics* teaching programme, which is a step-by-step phonics reading scheme. It introduces the children to the letters and sounds (the alphabetic code) that are at the foundation of all reading and writing.



[For more information click here or the picture to visit the Floppy's Phonics website.](#)

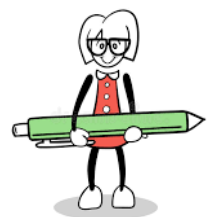
To reinforce the teaching in school, your child will bring home some books to share with you. These will include:

- *A decodable book that your child can read independently (either Floppy's Phonics or Letters & Sounds). Hints and tips for supporting reading can be found on the inside covers of these books.*
- *A story book to enjoy together. Your child may not be able to read all of the words in this book yet, and may need support to read and enjoy it.*



Reading at home can be recorded in their Reading Record.

*Just write the book you have read and a simple comment.*



Children will be given new reading books each **Monday**.  
These will be collected in each **Friday**.

As well as reading books, your child will bring home each day their Floppy's Phonics Folder. This will contain all of their in-school phonics learning, which can be used to share their progress and support reading at home.



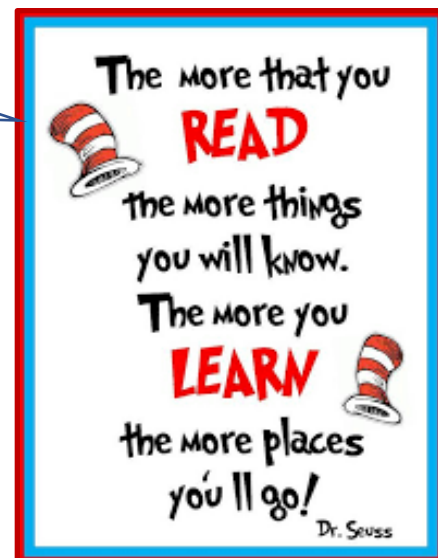
If your child is struggling with a particular sound, ask them to look it up in their phonics folder to refresh their memory. They may only need a simple reminder using the Alphabetic Code found at the beginning, or may need further support by revisiting the worksheet relating to that sound.

If you would like further support with helping your child learn to read, Oxford Owl have some fantastic resources. These can be found at [home.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://home.oxfordowl.co.uk), or alternatively please contact your child's class teacher – [talktoteacher@carvilleprimary.co.uk](mailto:talktoteacher@carvilleprimary.co.uk).

Our Carville Family know reading is important and that excellent reading skills are vital so children can learn well and do well later in life.

How often should my child be reading at home?

Written homework will rarely be given out, but we expect you to support your child to complete a reading activity **every day**.



We have spent a lot of money to make sure that our children are provided with the most up-to-date, appropriate resources including:

- Age and ability matched reading books
- A library stocked with reading for pleasure books
- Access to the School Library Service for extra classroom books
- Phonics and spelling schemes
- Engaging reading records
- Individual phonics folders

We have also provided ALL our school age children with a brand new Carville satchel bag. This is **FREE OF CHARGE** as a thank you for supporting us to improve your child's reading.







# What should be in my child's reading satchel?

## Home/School Phonics Folder containing:

- Alphabetic Code
- Alphabet
- Worksheets completed at school

## Reading for Pleasure Book

Read and enjoy this book with your child – this could be simply talking about the book, or it could be read to your child as a bedtime story.



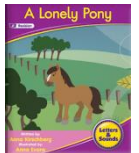
## Reading Record

Make a simple note of the book you share with your child, with a date and signature.

Comments on your child's reading can be included if you wish.

## Decodable Reading Book

Your child should be able to read the words in this book by themselves.



In order to give your child the best chance of success, it is essential that these items are brought to school each day and are well looked after.

**If any of these books, files or the satchel are lost or damaged then you will be asked to pay for a replacement.** Please support your child to look after them and it will never cost you a penny!

***TOP TIP: Have a safe place at home where the reading satchel can be stored when not being used.***



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## THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

„A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.”  
(Chinese Proverb)

exercises your brain

provides knowledge and information

books are a good topic of conversation

better writing skills

improves concentration and focus

reduces stress, puts you in a better mood

great and free entertainment

develops creativity

enriches the language and vocabulary

correlation  
ambivalence  
decadence  
confused  
precrastination  
Kathia  
confabulation  
hermeneutics  
isalliance

books are a window to the world

increases your ability to empathize with others

introduces to the unknown fantasy world

books pose questions to stimulate further reflection

good for memory

develops creativity

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**Learning to read is the most important skill that your child will develop over the next few years.**

Reading aloud with your child, just **10 minutes** a day, is one of the best ways to provide learning tools for life

**The more support and encouragement that you can offer your child, the more likely it is that he or she will make good progress.**

**Quotable Quotes**  
Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.  
— Emilie Buchwald

## READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

**READ**  
Every Day  
Lead a Better  
**LIFE**