



St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

11th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

For many years we have taught phonics through the Read, Write Inc programme. We found that the children were able to learn their sounds and progress quickly to reading words and simple sentences. For this reason, we have decided to continue this programme into our reading scheme and other aspects of the teaching of English in EYFS and KS1.

Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at school. Everything else depends on it, so we want to ensure our children can read as quickly and fluently as possible. Please read the changes to our current reading systems outlined below and the additional information on the Read, Write, Inc programme. Please also watch the short film which shows you how you can help support your child's learning at home.

- We will be starting RWI storybook lessons from Monday 15th March and this will impact the way we usually send reading books home.
- Your child will be taught in a differentiated group matched to their ability.
- Children are assessed every six weeks and groups will change accordingly.
- As well as these daily sessions, some children will receive one to one tutoring and small group sessions to help with progression.
- Children in ditty groups will have a ditty book sent home each day.
- Red, Green, Purple, Pink, Orange groups are working on a three-day cycle and will bring home a paper copy of their reading book every three days. After three days of reading at home the books will be returned to school.
- Children in yellow, blue and grey groups are on a five-day cycle and will bring home their book every five days.
- We would like all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 to have their **book bag books with their reading books inside**, in school every day so we are able to change reading books when needed.
- There will be some children in EYFS who will be sent an e-book on Tapestry.
- The books are made of paper and are quite fragile, so we do ask that you take good care of them at home.
- In addition, there is a space on the front of some of the books for a child's name. **Please do not write** on the books as these will be used for other children.

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- Before the books are sent home, the children will have been reading this book for a few days in school, so the book will be very familiar to them.
- We want the children to be able to read their reading book fluently and the main reason they are bringing it home is to “show off” how well they can read it to you. It is not supposed to surprise them or trip them up with unfamiliar vocabulary.
- As well as listening to your child read this book, there are excellent comprehension questions to discuss. This will really help your child understand the text and help with their fluency.

Please click on the link below to watch a short video explaining how Read Write Inc Phonics links to teaching your child how to read.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>

There is lots of other information available on the Read Write Inc YouTube Channel accessed by the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RuthMiskinTrainingEdu/videos>

We will give you more information as the programme continues. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the school and your child's class teacher can give you further clarification.

Thank you for your continued support,

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