



Moat Farm Infant and Nursery School

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Reading at home

Dear Parents and carers,

As you may already be aware, research has shown that there are profound benefits of reading on a child's development. You may have attended the Year 1 phonics and reading workshop this week, whereby we introduced our new online reading resource called Big Cat Collins E-books. Children have received their sign-on details today. The Parent Guide with access and user instructions is attached separately.

The Parent Guide and link to the Big Cat Collins E-books is also available on the Moat Farm Infant School website: Curriculum – Reading and Phonics (scroll down to the bottom of the page).

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading by continuing their practice at home. There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home: A reading practice book - this will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently. A sharing book - your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading practice book - This book has been matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little or no help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency, expression and confidence in reading. Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, get them to sound out and blend the word or read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

We would like the children to read **1 Big Cat e-book each week**, but to read it in full at least **3 times** a week. You can enter this book in the home reading record 3 times if they have read it in full 3 times. It is this book that we wish your child to read. Your child's teacher will therefore speak to you if this is not happening to see if we can support you in any way. If you have any concerns please raise them with the class teacher.

There is information in the back of the online books to explain how each session is taught in schools. There are different skills the children need to practise – decoding, prosody and comprehension. You might find this advice helpful.





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Sharing book - In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

Children will bring home a sharing book which they may change daily if they choose. The children should record these books once in their home reading records.

I hope you enjoy our new resources and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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