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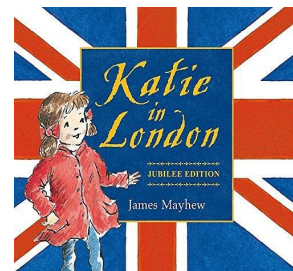
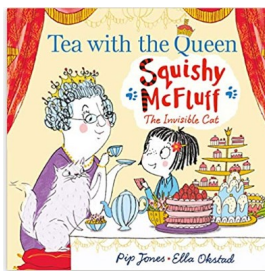
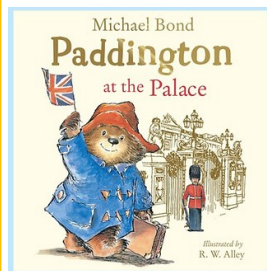


EYFS & KS1 East Dene Reading Newsletter #9

Welcome to our East Dene Reading Newsletter. Each edition includes a wealth of information and activities to help support your child with reading at home. Happy Reading!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This year we are celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. Her Majesty *The Queen* will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Below are some recommended reads for our younger children, linked to the Jubilee– scan the QR code and enjoy listening to each story!



7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)**
Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!
- 2 Ask your child lots of questions**
All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as 'Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'
- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read**
If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'
- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read**
When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'
- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read**
Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.
- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family**
Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'
- 7 Maintain the motivation to read**
Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'



Coming up next half term we have the phonics screening check. Here are some top tips to support your child with reading at home.

- Sound out (Fred talk) words while out and about.

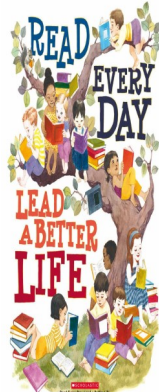
Can you put on your **b-oo-t**? Can you **s-i-t** on the chair? Put on your **h-a-t**.
- Read to and with your child as much as you can.
- Scan the **QR code** to practice reading some real and alien words.
- Children are encouraged to ALWAYS sound out (Fred talk) alien words.



Your support at home really does help your child on their reading journey!

Why is RED so important?

1. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
2. Through reading a range of texts, your child's vocabulary will expand and improve.
3. Reading allows children to develop their imagination and a sense of curiosity and wonder.
4. Reading helps children to develop empathy – they can imagine how a character is feeling and think about how they would feel in certain situations.



We are very proud of our children in EYFS this half term as we have lots of children who are recognising their letter sounds and blending simple words together to help them read sentences.

Please keep helping your child with their reading at home by practicing using their guided read book and the sounds or words that are sent home on their keyrings or in homework books. Don't forget to write all the books you read at home on their blue slip so they have chance to win reader of the week!

You can also include their reading for pleasure book on there and any other books you have shared together at home.

Happy reading!

