



HOLY TRINITY C of E ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Learning to read

An important part of your child's journey in their Reception year is learning the skills to read and write. At Holy Trinity one of the ways in which we teach children these skills is through phonics. Phonics is where children learn the sounds made by letters (and groups of letters), and build these sounds to make words. For the past two weeks, the children in Reception have been having daily phonics lessons to start them on this journey. For some brief details and a great clip on how phonics helps your child to read and write please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/the-alphablocks-guide-to-phonics>

Reading books and records

Today your child is bringing home two reading books for them to read to you, and their 'Reading Record'. For the first two weeks, the reading books provided will be wordless; telling the story purely through illustrations. The purpose of wordless books are to help children develop valuable literacy skills such as storytelling and prediction. Please encourage your child to have a go at telling the story that they see – they can be as imaginative as they wish! It is important to encourage your child to speak in sentences and read the books more than once. Involvement with reading is one of the most important contributions that parents can make to their child's learning - please write in your child's reading record every time they read to you. Reading books and reading records are taken home and brought back to school every day as we will be listening to your child read at school too. Reading books will be changed every Friday.

Library books

This week your child will have brought home a picture book from our lovely school library for you to read to them at home. The children love their library visits and it was wonderful to hear them all talking to each other about the books they had chosen. Library books will also be changed once a week.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards,

Mrs Chichon

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Early Years Teacher

