

Reading workshop for parents

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Reading in Early Years

By the end of Nursery ...

Children will be able to

- notice some print ,such as the first letter of their name ,a bus or a door number , or familiar logo
- understand the five key concepts about print :
 - print has meaning
 - print has different purposes
 - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom
 - the names of the different parts of the book
 - page sequencing
- recognise words with the same initial sounds such as mummy , monkey
- have favourite stories and rhymes
- engage in extended conversations about stories, rhymes and poems
- spot and suggest rhymes
- orally blend sounds into simple words e.g. c-a-t cat

By the end of Reception ...

Children will be able to

- read words consistent with the phonic knowledge by sound blending
- read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge , including some common exception words
- demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary
- anticipate key events in stories
- use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories , books rhymes and during role play

Learning to read in Early Years

Reading consist of two dimensions : language comprehension and word reading

- **language comprehension** starts from birth .It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books they read with them and enjoy rhymes songs and poems together .
- **word reading -phonics scheme (The Leys Letters scheme)**

Reading at The Leys

- The Leys Letters phonics scheme (Nursery until Year 2)
- Talk for Writing in Reception
- Star Nursery rhymes / Star books in Nursery
- Daily story time and rhyme time
- Cosy and inviting reading areas in the classrooms /reading dens
- Library books to read at home
- Role play areas with props and puppets
- story bags

“It’s crucial for children to develop a life long love for reading.”

Supporting your child’s reading for pleasure at home

- **Enjoy reading with your child** . Even babies can enjoy the colours / pictures in the book and listen to your voice. Read aloud to your child and point to the pictures on the page, saying the name of the objects that appear. This provides your child with two sources of information: an understanding of real-world objects and an understanding of the importance of language. Even when your child can read by themselves, you should still read aloud together for practice, to help them develop fluency and learn new vocabulary.
- **Make it part of your routine**. Try your best to read to your child every day and keep it consistent. Incorporate this into your, and your child’s, daily routine until it becomes as much of a habit as them brushing their teeth. However, try not to be discouraged if you miss a day – just pick your routine back up as normal when you have time.
- **Set aside a special time** – just a few minutes a day is enough to create a reading habit.
- **Continue the discussion**. After you’ve finished reading a story to your child, consider trying to keep it going. Age depending, you could ask them questions about what they’ve just read. For example, *“Did you enjoy that story?”*, *“Who was your favourite character?”* or *“Why do you think the prince was happy at the end?”*.

Supporting children at home

- Enjoy reading with your child (bedtime stories ,rhymes, poems, nursery rhymes etc.)
- Draw children's attention to rhyming words
- Enjoy singing with you child
- Listen to and talk to your child about different sounds you can hear when you are out and about
- Draw children's attention to print –writing is all around us !
- Play simple phonics games

Helpful links

*Here is a link to oxford owl website where you can create a free account and access lots of ebooks.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

*Here is a link where you can access lots of story teller videos.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/storyteller-videos/storyteller-videos-traditional-tales/>

Here is a link to BBC iplayer bed time stories where you can access a huge variety of stories

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Phonics and reading activities for free or sign up to subscription- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Thank you for your
time.

Any questions?