

Welcome to Year One

Reading at Home

We are so excited to continue teaching phonics and reading in Year One. Your child has been given a diary, a phased reading book and a 'take home book'. The reading book is selected to match the phonics phase they are practising in school. The aim is for your child to segment and blend their reading with fluency. We have also included a 'take home book' which you can enjoy reading and sharing with your child. Please bring your reading book and reading diary to school **everyday in a named bookbag**. We will change your child's reading book and take home book on a Friday and they will keep these books to read at home daily and keep it for the week.

In the initial phases of early reading, it is really important for a child to read the same book more than once. This helps to become familiar with the pictures, the story and story language. It also helps to improve confidence, improve fluency, develop their comprehension and their understanding. It is helpful to revisit the books, and discuss pages, pictures and later on words, that are unfamiliar, or were not discussed previously. In some of the books, there are handy tips to help you. Please ensure you are reading the same reading book every night, or at least three times a week. This will help your child decode (read the words), practise prosody (reading with fluency and expression) and their comprehension (understanding of the book).

As part of our Reading Challenge at Saltergate we need the children to be reading **at least 3 times a week** and preferably every week night. This gives the children plenty of time to practise and revisit the books you have been given to explore and read together. If you can read more than 3 times a week, this will help your child's reading to progress. For your child to receive a reading star for that week, they must have read 3 times and we would like you to record this in their reading diary. This can be done by signing your name and if you would like to add a short comment, that would be lovely.

We are really looking forward to working with you and child to encourage a love of reading, stories and books! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you for your continued support

The Year One Team