HOME READING

At Hamstel Infant School and Nursery we highly value the importance of Reading and view learning to read as one of the most valuable skills each child will learn. Reading at home helps to support every child on their reading journey and will ensure rapid progress.

As the Reception children are now working in RWI groups, their reading home learning may differ to last half-term. Below is a table to explain what your child will be bringing home and expected to complete dependent on the RWI group.

RWI Group	Home Reading Books	
A and B (learning single sounds)	Lilac picture book Set 1 speed sound booklet Letter formation sheet and QR code	
C (knows singe sound, learning to blend)	Sound blending book Learning to blend QR codes	Sound Standing 1
Ditty	Sound Blending Book Paper Ditty read in school Take home paper ditty QR codes	Sound Sierding 1
Red Green Purple Pink Orange Yellow Blue Grey	RWI Storybook Our house Our house QR codes	RWI Book Bag Book Dig it up

The RWI storybooks and paper ditties are the books the children read in their RWI lessons. The children have already read this storybook several times so will be able to read these stories with confidence and fluency. In addition to the storybook, the children will be given the Book Bag Book or paper ditty that directly matches the storybook and sounds they have learning in their lessons.

Both books will be given to your child at the end of the teaching sequence, on average every 4 or 5 days. In order for us to change the children's books we kindly ask that both books are kept in your child's book bag and brought into school on a daily basis. We will only change books when the previous ones have been returned.

In order for children to become confident and fluent readers it is important to encourage your child to read each book several times. Each time your child reads encourage them to read the words without sounding them out. If they become stuck on a word use the words 'Special friends, Fred Talk, Read the word' as a prompt to support them. The more opportunities they are given to read the same book the more confident and fluent they will become. Fluency is an important part of learning to read as it will help your child to understand the plot, storyline and characters in the book. It will also lead to greater enjoyment for your child as they will be able to read with ease.

All children will continue to visit the school library on a weekly basis to choose a book to share at home.

Every time you listen to your child read please make a note in their home-school book. The children are expected to read at home at least 5 times a week. This can include reading the same book several times. We look forward to reading your comments in your child's home school book.

Mrs Victoria Bryant

Reading Lead