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## **Reading with your children at home**

Dear parent/carer,

Following some recent parental feedback, I would like to provide a few suggestions on how to help your child develop their reading – our biggest priority at Wroughton.

Reading is a pleasure in itself, but great reading skills also helps children to access other parts of the wider curriculum, such as history, geography and science. Once children have the basic level of decoding from effective phonics teaching (we call it Read Write Inc.), they must swiftly develop their comprehension skills. A few thoughts on what you can do at home below:

- Reading records - children have a school reading book which comes home frequently. Please ensure you complete the reading record yourself (not your child) after you listen to them read aloud.
- Fun reading – encourage your child to read everything and anything from comics to shopping lists to novels.
- Read to them – children learn lots from adults reading aloud to them. Useful to pick a book slightly out of their reach (ability wise).
- Children will develop their vocabulary from reading lots, but also explain to them what certain unfamiliar words mean.
- I would suggest that 25-30 minutes per day would really help your child develop their reading skills and confidence – children should read aloud wherever possible.

I appreciate many parents are doing the above already and possibly more, but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or myself.

Yours faithfully

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