

Every Friday your child will bring home a Read Write Inc. Phonics black and white storybook. This is a copy of the colour version they will have read at school.

Your child will have read this story three times during their phonics lesson, so should be able to read the story confidently.



Please support your child with their reading by following these steps:

- Listen to your child read their book **every day**. With encouragement, each time your child reads their book they will become more fluent and expressive. Fluency helps children understand what they are reading and makes it easier for them to answer questions about what they have read.
- Choose a quiet time with no distractions. 10 to 15 minutes is usually long enough to listen to a child read their book.
- Ask your child to read the sounds and words at the beginning of the book before he or she reads the story.
- If there are any words your child cannot read instantly, ask them to say the sounds and then blend them together to read the word.
- Do not ask your child to guess the word by using the pictures.
- Return the book to school on Friday.
- Be positive. Boost your child's confidence with praise for their achievements - "You read more fluently today than yesterday, well done." "Great expression! I enjoyed listening to you read today." "Wow, you read all of those words today without needing to sound them out!"

Listening to stories is also very important so we have a story time every day at school to encourage children to develop a love of books and to enrich their vocabulary. We hope that you will do the same by reading a bedtime story to your child every night.

