



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**RE: RECEPTION HOMEWORK**

Dear Reception Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to provide you with the following useful information regarding Reception homework. Homework provided in Reception mainly supports Literacy development. We ask you to read books together with your child, to practise the Oxford Reading Tree words and to complete weekly phonics homework on Tapestry. If you would like to provide additional activities for your child you can find further suggestions for homework on the Reception pages within the school website, or on the 'Super Challenge Cards' that can be borrowed from outside Badger Class.

**Reading Books Together**

In your child's bookbag you will find your child's first reading book and a yellow record book. We use the Oxford Reading Tree scheme of books (although from time to time you will receive other books to enrich your child's reading linked to their next steps and phonics levels.)

A new reading book will be sent home on a Thursday and collected in on Tuesday. Please sign, date and comment on your child's participation in the yellow book. This will show that the book has been read.

At first your child will receive books with pictures only. We ask that you encourage your child to explain what is happening in the pictures to tell the story. You can challenge your child by asking questions about what happened in the story and why. Have fun as you 'read' together.

Please keep the reading book and the yellow record book in your child's book bag and make sure it comes to school every day. We won't be able to change the reading book if the yellow record book has not been completed or your child does not bring their school book bag to school. Thank you for your support with this.



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## **Oxford Reading Tree Word Practise**

We have sent home six words for your child to learn to read; these words will help your child to read the Oxford Reading Tree books. Please practise reading these words with your child. You can cut them up and keep them in a special 'word tin/box'. We will test your child on all the words that have been sent home every Wednesday. New words will be given on Thursday. If your child can read **all** the words that have been sent home, they will then be given three new words to learn. The words need to be read by sight not phonetically.

## **Phonics on Tapestry**

Tomorrow we will post phonics homework on Tapestry. Please encourage and support your child to complete the activities posted and repeat often. Phonics are the building blocks of reading and writing. Practise really helps to consolidate the learning at school and builds confidence. You can add your own observation of your child's learning as outlined in each set task.

## **On-line Reading Information Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October (7:00-8.00 pm)**

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our on-line Reading Information Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October (7:00-8.00 pm); especially if you are new to Barrow Hedges, where we will explain how we teach reading and phonics in Reception. This meeting will be on Microsoft Teams. Further information about this will be sent to you nearer the time.

If you have any questions about reading please do email us at [officebarrowhedges.com](mailto:officebarrowhedges.com) so that we can arrange a time for your class teacher to contact you.

Thank you as always for your support,

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