

30th January 2023

PHONICS and READING

Dear Parents/Carers

Following our Unlocking Letters and Sounds (ULS) Phonics INSET training session on Tuesday 3rd January 2023, we would like to share some key information with you so that we can ensure that we provide high quality phonics and reading support to all our Churchill children.

Many early reading books linked to ULS and published by Ransom have been purchased for Reception, Year 1, some Year 2s and Lower Key Stage 2 children. These reading books cover all the phonic sounds from Phase 2 to Phase 5c, which children aim to secure by the end of Year 1. Some of our previous reading scheme books have also been mixed with the new Ransom phonic books and all have sticker on the front, indicating the set and sounds the children are working on, eg. Phase 3

Set 3
ch, sh, th, ng

While children are learning to read these decodable books and reinforcing their phonic knowledge, we are encouraging a 3 read approach.

- 1st read- decoding words using phonics.
- 2nd read- reading with fluency. Having used phonics in the first read, words should be recalled more automatically, this time with some/no decoding.
- 3rd read- fluent reread with a focus on comprehension questions (ideas of questions are listed on the inside cover of your child's yellow reading record book)

Once children have secured their 5c phonics, we are still encouraging them to reread their books, particularly as the texts become longer. Children should be reading at a steady pace with an expressive storytelling voice, taking note of all punctuation and confidently accessing 95%+ of the text. We want the children to 'show off' their amazing reading skills.

In a couple of weeks, alongside a ULS phonics book, children in Reception, Year 1, some Year 2s and Lower Key Stage 2 children will be bringing home a 'Sharing Book'. These books will have a sticker on the front indicating that it is one for the adult to read aloud as these are not decodable but promote reading for pleasure. This will also provide opportunities for adults to model reading aloud and demonstrate reading with fluency.

Rec/Key Stage 1 sticker

Sharing

Book



Please read this
book to your child.

Key Stage 2 sticker

Sharing

Book



Please read this
book to your child.

Please look at the school website for more information, resources and videos to help with phonics and reading. Click the link, [Reading | Churchill CofE Primary School \(churchillprimaryschool.co.uk\)](http://Reading | Churchill CofE Primary School (churchillprimaryschool.co.uk))

If you have any questions or concerns about phonics or reading, please speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Mrs Hardwick, Reading Lead and Mr Goodhand, Phonics Lead



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