



## Reading at Home Summary Sheet

### **Which books will my child bring home from school?**

- In Reception and Year 1, children will bring home one phonics book and a library book each week.
- In Year 2 and 3, children will either bring home a phonics book or a book banded book in line with their reading ability. They will also bring home a library book.
- In Key Stage 2, children will either bring home a book banded book or an appropriately pitched book from their classroom library. They will also bring home a library book.

### **How many times do I need to read their phonics book with them?**

Phonics books need to be read three times.

First time – to **decode** – children will use their phonic knowledge to work out what the words say.

Second time – for **fluency** – to help the children read it a bit faster to help with understanding.

Third time – for **prosody** – to help the children begin to use expression in their voice and to develop their understanding of what they have read.

### **How can I support my child with their reading at home?**

- Give the children the chance to attempt reading by themselves first, before supporting them if needed.
- Talk through the meaning of words.
- Demonstrate how to read with expression and encourage the children to do the same.
- Make reading time pleasurable by finding a quiet, comfortable space and giving your child your full attention.
- Ask your child simple questions about what they have read to check their understanding.
- Use positive language and praise their reading efforts.
- Make reading part of your routine. This builds vocabulary, feeds imagination and can even improve sleep patterns

