



In Year 1

ELS Phonics Reading Books:

Each week the children learn a new set of sounds. Every week, each child in year 1 will come home with an ELS phonics book once a week, which will allow them to practise the specific sounds they have just learnt.

It is important that you support your child to read this book at home as many times as possible during that week. This will give them lots of practise decoding (figuring out the letter sounds) and blending (putting the sounds together to say the whole word) the new sound. They need to read this book as many times as possible, at least 4 times across the week, even if they appear confident, as the sounds will then enter their long-term memory, which is the key for them becoming an excellent reader in the future.

Second Book:

Some children may also come home with a second book. This is a 'richer reading' book which will allow them to read a broader range of books and increase their fluency. You can read these books at home with the children as well as their ELS phonics book, or they can read them independently if they are able. These books will be in line with the Oxford reading colour bands. The expected level at the end of year 1 is turquoise.

Some children may also have a second book which allows them to practise one of the phonics from earlier in the teaching cycle which they have not quite mastered yet. The teacher will let you know if this is the case for your child at any point in the year.

Library Book:

The children also visit the library once a week, in the library they can choose any book that they want to bring home. This is for them to just enjoy looking at and can be kept at home as long as they like and brought back when it is finished with. They will be allowed to bring a new book home, each time they return one.

Blue
Green
Orange
Turquoise
Purple
Gold
White
Lime