

Branfil's Approach to Reading



Your child will bring home a Read Write Inc (RWI) book on either a Wednesday or a Friday every week. This book will have been read by your child at school several times with an adult and their phonics group before it comes home.

As parents/carers, you are not expected to teach phonics since this may cause confusion for your child. We would like you to focus on your child's fluency and storyteller voice:

Fluency - *the ability to read a text accurately, quickly and with expression.*

Storyteller voice - *this is an aspect of great storytelling and refers to the way we read the words on a page. It enables us to make the text exciting and engaging for the listener.*

If your child is no longer on the RWI phonics scheme, they will bring home an Oxford Reading Tree book instead. This is colour banded to ensure your child's reading skills continue to progress appropriately, prior to having free choice of their books. Your child will also have access to Oxford Reading Buddy, an online reading platform where they can access books and more so they can read more widely, within the colour band, if they choose.

In addition to this, a 'read aloud' library book is also sent home to encourage reading for pleasure with an adult. This will be changed weekly in your child's library session. Please read this to your child purely for enjoyment and engagement with reading. We hope your child will develop a love of reading through enjoying books with you.

All your child's reading books should be stored safely in their blue reading folder alongside their reading record. Their reading record should note how many times they have read throughout the week. The expectation is that they read 5 times a week to work towards their 'Star Reader' certificate.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey, which really is the foundation to their future success.

