



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Sharing a book with your child is fun! It is a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can give children a flying start in life, help them develop their vocabulary and become lifelong readers.

At William Byrd Primary Academy, we teach children how to read using Read, Write Inc. Soon children will be grouped according to their phonic knowledge and understanding. In these groups, children will learn new sounds and read books matched to their ability.

You have had a chance to come and see our phonics lessons in action, you are also receiving daily phonics videos with the sound your child learnt that day at school. Please encourage your child to watch the videos, practice reading and writing sounds and words with these sounds. We will continue sending the videos throughout the year.

As of this week, your child will be receiving:

- a book each week that is in line with the book band they are reading in school
- an online book that you can access from [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) (please see login details attached)
- a reading for pleasure book that isn't matched with your child's reading level but can be shared with you before bed

In your child's book bag, you will also find a reading record book, which we ask you to sign every time you read with them. You can also comment on how you think they have read the book and any other comments you may wish to make.

In addition to that, on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** you can come to an Oxford Owl introduction session where we will explain how to access the page and where to find the book your child should be reading. This session will take place in **Rosen class** straight after school.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions and if you would like some tips on how to support your child's reading.

Yours sincerely  
Ms Wegrzyn  
**EYFS Leader**

