



THE RADSTONE
Primary School

Year Two Home Learning

Spring 2023

Reading

As you are aware, we follow *Read Write Inc* which is a popular and proven phonics scheme. Like all phonics schemes, it teaches children the sounds in English, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing. *Read Write Inc. Phonics* includes reading books written using only the letters they have learnt at each level (and a small number of separately taught tricky words). The children will quickly feel confident and successful. The children have been working very hard during their reading groups throughout the Autumn Term. We have since reassessed the children and have therefore made changes to these groups accordingly. Thank you for your support with your child's daily reading of both their RWI Storybook and Bookbag books. Please continue to read daily with your child and make a note in the reading record to let us know how it is going at home. Remember to explore the books and take time to ask your child the questions at the end of the story to allow them to develop their comprehension skills and show you their understanding of what has been read.

The RWI Storybook is a text that the children have been reading regularly in class to build fluency. They should be able to read this to you independently with minimal mistakes and using their story teller voice. The children's Bookbag books are texts which are based upon the sounds which the children have been reading in class. As such, the children should be able to apply their phonics knowledge to read all the words within the book. Bookbag books will only be changed once a week on a Friday. However, the children's Storybooks will be changed on a 3 to 4 day cycle. This will depend on when the children are ready to confidently read them independently and have had the opportunity to complete all relevant activities at school prior to bringing it home.

Some Y2 children have also been given a small flip sound book. It would be really helpful if you could regularly look over these sounds so that your child develops fluency and recognition to further support their reading fluency. We have put a post-it into the book to show you where your child has learnt up to. You can also practise reading the words on each page that match to the sounds and even have a go at spelling these words with your child if they can already confidently read them. It may be tempting to rush ahead, but please only complete the sounds up to the post-it notes to indicate the sounds that have been taught so far at school. Your child's phonics teacher will move the post-it note in the speed sounds book after each phonics lesson.

Please ensure that all RWI books, reading books and speed sound books are in school EVERY DAY!

Below is a helpful reminder on how to say the sounds

You will find a useful phonics audio guide to all these sounds in this [Sound Pronunciation Guide video](#). It is really important to say the sounds clearly to help your child learn them.

Spelling

This year there will be no weekly spelling tests. The children will instead have daily spelling/phonics lessons to implement the sound of the week. We will however be sending home High Frequency and Common Exception Words to be practised at home for a half termly test.

Maths

We support the emphasis in the National Curriculum 2014 for Maths that pupils become “fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics”. This highlights the importance of children knowing the key mathematical facts and methods and being able to recall them efficiently, and supports their progress in maths, enabling them to apply their knowledge to rapidly and accurately solve problems. Please refer to the year group webpage for useful links. We will be checking the children’s progress weekly on different mathematical facts such as time tables, number bonds, division facts etc. For Year Two our focus will be adding and subtracting using the column method and later on weekly times tables tests.

We also encourage children to continually practise their number facts using the NumBots platform. .



Topic Task

Each half term the children are set a piece of creative homework which relates to a topic which has been explored at school. These projects will be shared in class after each half term. The children may be as creative as they like by making, writing, drawing or using technology to explore the given topic and create something to share with the rest of the class.

Spring 1 Topic: Fairy Tales (traditional or new) or Islands

This will be shared in the class on Friday 24th February 2023

Spring 2 Topic: Animals or Famous landmarks in the UK

This will be shared in the class on Friday 21st April 2023