



# MILTON-ON-STOUR CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Reading Books

Dear Parents and Carers

As a school we use the scheme Song of Sounds for our phonics teaching. In Reception the children cover stage one of this scheme which introduces each of the phonemes through a song and action. So far we have learnt the letters s,a,t,i,n,p,d and are beginning to make simple 2 and 3 letter words using these sounds. The focus being on saying the sounds and then blending them together ( these are the green words). We ensure that children are ready for blending by playing games where the adult says the sounds like a robot and the children decipher the word by listening only ... such as t-a-p to make tap, this can also be supported by picture clues where necessary.

At points throughout the phonics scheme we assess the children's recall of the phonemes, recall of the red words ( the ones that need to be known by sight) and their sounding and blending of green words, the assessment then dictates which reading books the children need to be on.

The focus for reading in our reading strategy is on reading the books three times in school ahead of bringing it home – the focus for these sessions is on fluency, prosody and comprehension. As the first books only have very few words it is very important to discuss with your child what is going on in the pictures to decipher the choice of the word or words.

When your child does bring a book home they will be very familiar with the book and the idea is that they are confident to share this with you because they can read it, which celebrates their new and emerging reading skills.

We hope that you enjoy reading with your child and celebrating their new skill but please don't forget to continue to read and share lots of lovely story books with them at home too, the focus for us in school is at least four books a day.

Kind Regards

Mrs R Tidby

*...Rejoice with me, I have found my lost sheep. Luke 15:6*

