

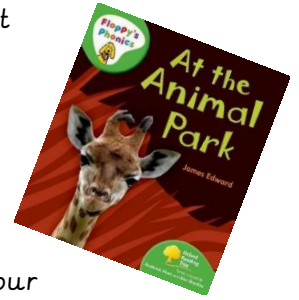


# Reading at Rowner

The way that we are teaching reading at Rowner Infant School is changing!

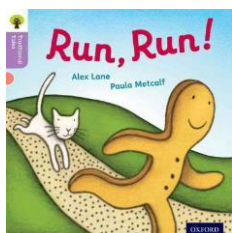
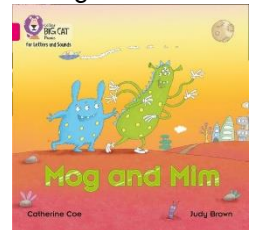


As you will have noticed by now, we are no longer using the Oxford Reading Tree books as our main reading scheme. Our books are now organised into the book band colours, which is widely used by schools, so the children will progress through the colour bands from Lilac to Lime. These colour bands are not the same as the Oxford reading tree stages, so don't worry if your child is on a different stage. There will also be a range of books from different reading schemes to engage them. We have also been able to buy some new books to add to our reading books, which we will be adding to the book bands soon.



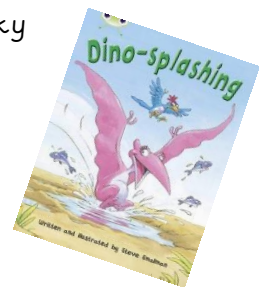
Year R have been building their story knowledge by reading lilac books so far which are wordless picture books. Now that we have learnt lots of sounds the children have been practising their segmenting and blending in school and over the next few weeks they will begin to bring home the next stage which is pink band with some words in using the sounds we have learnt so far.

The books your child will be reading are phonically decodable. This means that your child should be able to use their phonics knowledge to sound out and blend the words in the book. The books that are sent home are chosen to give your child practice reading the phonemes they are learning in school. They may be practising sounding out and blending short words such as b-u-g or c-a-t, or longer words that use phase 5 digraphs such as p-l-ay-g-r-ou-n-d. Here they are practising the ay and ou digraphs, where two letters are making one sound. When you are reading these books at home, your child should be able to use their phonics to read them with increasing independence. Please support them to sound out new words and blend the sounds to read the words, as well as talking about the story or facts in the book. Rereading the books helps your child to become a more fluent and confident reader.



There will still be some common exception words that are tricky words and can't be sounded out using phonics, which they will have to learn to recognise, which will match the words being taught in school.

Thank you for all your support reading with your child at home. It makes a massive difference to their confidence, fluency and helps them to develop a love of reading.



If you have any questions about the changes please come and speak to us or email us on [homeschoollink@rowner-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:homeschoollink@rowner-inf.hants.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support

The English team- Mrs Parratt and Miss Parker

Go  
Wild...  
Read!





This half term, **Year 1** are trialling a new phonics scheme called Phonics Bug. As part of our trial, we have access to lots of ebooks. We have sent home your child's log in and you can log in at home and read the ebooks that your child's teacher has added to their library. There are also games that you can play too.

Please log on and have some fun reading some books online as well as those in your child's book bag. Please write the name of the book in your child's reading diary as they will all count towards the number of read that they have completed. You only have 1 week left, **Year 1**, to try this at home!

We have also started to use the Teach your Monster to Read app at school. Look out for a letter with your child's log in coming home soon. Your child can log in to play the games at home as well as at school. The games are a fun way to practise the phonics that your child has been learning in school.



Each Year group have chosen their Favourite 5 books, which we will read and enjoy in class this half term. You may want to read them at home too if you have them, or talk to your child about which is their favourite and why.

Year R: 'The whales on the bus' by Katrina Charman, 'You can't take an elephant on holiday' by Patricia Cleveland Peck, 'Onsie Party' by Leigh Hodgkinson, 'The cat and the rat and the hat' by Em Lynas and 'This love' by Isabel Otter.

Year 1: Oi frog by Kes Gray, Autumn non fiction, The bedtime book of fantastic first poems edited by June Crebbin, The runaway train by Benedict Blathwayte and Owl Babies by Martin Waddell .

Year 2: Brave and the Fox by Nicola Davis, Big Bear Little Brother by Carl Norac, The Big Dark by John Prater, The Sea Monster by Chris Wormell and Goodbye Autumn Hello Winter by Kennard Pak.

Finally, each half term we will be looking at the books by a well-known author. Look out for the Author study letter coming home this half term. There are links for you to watch some of the books together and some information about the author.

Year R: Nick Sharratt

Year 1: Kes Gray

Year 2: Rachel Bright

