

Reading in Ash

A large focus of learning in Key Stage 1 is reading. Once a child learns to read confidently, and can comprehend what they are reading, it opens up a world of opportunities to independently learn more. Most importantly, it also enables a love of reading to develop, aiding an enjoyable and fulfilling habit for life.

In Ash, children are given three books:

1. Rhino Readers books (RR)

Rhino Readers Books are decodable stories which consolidate recent learning in phonics lessons. These books are given for children to read independently. Rhino Readers books are fantastic at developing decoding skills, fluency and expression. There are also questions in the back of each book to develop reading comprehension. We ask that children read their Rhino Readers book twice each week before swapping for another. This is to make sure sounds in the story are well practised and it also aids comprehension by reading twice.

2. Share with me stories (SWM)

A 'share with me' book is a story from our reading corner in Ash. Children choose their 'share with me' books as the aim of these books are to enhance their love of reading. These can be read with an adult. Share with me books are fantastic for the child to hear how expression is used in stories, seeing how different texts are presented, and developing reading comprehension.

3. Library books (LB)

Children will sometimes get the opportunity to choose a book from the library. These are great for children to look through and see the layout of a range of different books. Children can be very good at taking home the biggest library book they find – so we don't ask that these are read all the way through.

Reading bags

Please can children bring in their reading bags every day. Throughout the week there will be opportunities to read with children so it's important they have their reading books and reading records available. Reading bags are also very useful for the children to take home school letters without getting wet or lost.

Book changing

Children have the opportunity to change their books once a week. Our book change day this year is Tuesday.

Reading records

Reading records are a vital communication point so both parents/guardians and staff can see how children are developing with reading. Please can adults write in the reading record after reading with your child as it shows us that the book has been read and is ready to be changed. Ideally, this would involve a comment about how your child had read. We will not be able to change Rhino Readers books unless we see evidence it has been read. This is to ensure we are not taking away books that children haven't had the opportunity to read yet.

If your child reads a book which isn't from school, you are more than welcome to put a comment in their reading record about what they have read. We always enjoy reading your comments and seeing how children are developing with their reading.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything mentioned above, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr Russ