



**St. Catherine's**  
RC Primary School

3rd December 2021

**Home Reading in Reception**

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that today children will be taking home their first home reading book. Alongside this they will also receive their reading record and lotto cards (which support children to learn new sounds, tricky words and high frequency words.)

Your child's reading book will include phonetically decodable words, enabling them to consolidate and practice reading strategies taught in school.

Your child's reading book will be changed once a week and they will receive an individual reading session with a staff member. Please see below the day in which your child will receive their new home reading book. We request that your child brings their reading book, record and lotto cards into school on their specific reading day.

**Red Groups- Monday**

**Yellow Groups- Tuesday**

**Green Groups- Wednesday**

**Blue Groups- Thursday**

For more information regarding reading at school, supporting your children to read at home and the phonics programme used in school, please view the 'Reception Reading and Phonics Workshop 2021' video:

<https://youtu.be/34lBnDPkWjI>

Another helpful resource is the attached 'Early Reading and Phonics Guide for Parents', which includes strategies to use at home, quality questioning to promote comprehension skills and reading games to play. All resources will also be uploaded to our school website.

At St Catherine's, we strive to encourage our young readers to build a love of reading. Thank you for your continual support at home and happy reading!

Mollie Short, Reception Teacher and Early Years Leader