

Reading in Year 3

During the first two weeks back to school, all children will complete a baseline assessment to see where they are in their reading upon starting Year 3.

Following the baseline assessment, Year 3 children will be assigned into one of the following:

- Continuing with Monster Phonics
- Monster Phonics Stage 11
- Hi interest – less demanding books (Hi-Lo)
- Free Reader

Children on Monster Phonics, Monster Phonics Stage 11 and Hi-Lo books will be given a reading book by an adult in school to take home **every Friday**. Please listen to your child reading this book as often as you can. They will also be able to choose a 'Reading for Pleasure book' to take home from our class library. Reading for Pleasure books will not necessarily match their reading ability and therefore can be shared with grown-ups at home who can help them to read it, or read the book with/to them.

Children who are assigned 'Free Readers' can independently choose their own books to take home to read from our class library.

Monster Phonics

Those children who will continue their Monster Phonics journey will have a Monster Phonics Guided Reading session each week. These children will be given their Monster Phonics reading book and reading record to take home after their session. Their Monster Phonics book needs to be returned to school a week later ready for their next session. Reading records can be written in at home to let us know how they got on reading that book at home.



Flying ahead Monster Phonics Stage 11

Some children who have finished Monster Phonics will be given Stage 11 books before becoming a hi-lo reader. These books are expertly crafted for children nearing the end of their phonics journey. These books are designed to enhance reading stamina and boost confidence. Children will read with an adult in school regularly to assess whether they are ready to move onto the next stage.



Hi interest – less demanding books

Some children who are not quite ready to choose their own reading books independently from the library will be given a book by an adult which matches their current reading ability. Children will read with an adult in school regularly to assess whether they are ready to move onto the next stage.



Free Readers

Those children who have finished Monster Phonics and are more confident, fluent readers, are 'free readers' As they will choose their own reading books from the library, these can be returned and changed when they are finished, not necessarily weekly as some books may be longer chapter books.

I hope this is clear, but if there are any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the admin email. Many thanks! Miss Walsh.