



St. Francis of Assisi Church of England Primary School

Helping to support your child—February 2022

EYFS Information



We have already reached the end of another half term and are so pleased that the children are happy, healthy and enjoying their learning at school. Here are some things that we would like you to do to support your child when they are not in school. These can be done on a week-end, evening, during the holidays, in the car or at home and would be extremely beneficial.



Reception

Reading—we want to promote a love of reading for children at all ages. This is encouraged through sharing books and talking about the pictures and characters, taking turns to follow rhymes or rhythms and developing lots of opportunities for laughter, fun, language and listening. School books can be shared as well as books that you have at home.

In Reception, children will bring home a reading book which is based on their phonics knowledge and focuses on being able to blend sounds together to read the words accurately and fluently. Please read with your child for at least 5 minutes each night. **Books will be changed at the beginning and end of each week if your child completes their reading at home and brings their books back into school.** You also have a sound mat which can support your child in developing their knowledge of reading sounds. Please let us know if you need another one sending home. There is also one attached to this letter. Games that involve practising blending skills may also be sent home. Please practise these games as much as you can as they are an integral part to your child learning to read. The children really enjoy them, and they can be played when out walking, or even when they are in the bath.

In the Moment Planning Sheets— Before your child becomes a focus child, we send out a sheet asking for information, and if possible photos, about their interests, places you may have visited, special occasions such as birthdays etc. These are extremely valuable when engaging with your child. They love to share what they have done or are going to be doing with the adults, whilst also giving them an opportunity to practise and develop skills in their communication and language. When children have been part of a specific focus within the EYFS we will send information home about next steps to support your child. We will then work on these but appreciate any support that you do with your child at home too. Please upload any information onto Seesaw for us to access so that we can see how your child is progressing along with their next steps.

Homework and Seesaw—In Reception, homework focuses on a range of areas that the children need to progress to the next stage in their development. These activities are on Seesaw. Please share in the learning with your child and upload activities to the Seesaw page. The teachers and other children in the class love to join in with show and tell sessions. The children may have specific homework to develop their phonic and number knowledge and will also support reinforcement of phonics on a weekly basis.

Rewards will be given to those children who are developing their knowledge and ability with a range of activities. Staff are very happy to discuss any concerns or difficulties that you or your child may have.

