

Free choice reading books.



Each week your child will come home with a free choice book – either a badger or a squirrel book.

These books are a hybrid of reading books and library books. They are books for you to enjoy reading with your child. The aim of them is to promote a love of reading, because they are high-quality picture books that are chosen for your child to try and read parts of themselves, or at least begin to read some words the more they encounter the book.

Your child may be able to read some or all of the book to you.

It may be very easy for them to read. If so, enjoy listening to them read and encourage some expression (modelling to them how to read with expression and asking them to copy). Discuss the book and ask them questions about what they have read.

It may be too hard for them to read. Don't worry if so – it's more about them enjoying reading and learning to read through sharing books with you.

If your child can't read the book themselves, try:

- Asking your child to hold the book and turn the pages
- Asking your child to point to the words, while you read
- Asking your child to copy some of the reading after you, while still pointing at the words
- Asking your child to read at the same time as you as they get more confident.
- Sharing the book a few times during the week – repetition is one of the key ways children learn to read. Make sure your child is looking at the words while you read them.
- Talking to your child about the story
- Asking your child to read the book to you, if at any point they are able to

All of these things will help to teach your child to read, alongside reading their school reading books.

Please ensure your child's badger book is in their book bag on a Thursday. They will only be able to choose a new one if it is.

Enjoy your books!