



# The Redeemer Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## What goes home ?

The children are now well settled in class and enjoy playing in the different areas of the room. We have started the process of sending home some activities you can share with your child. During the Autumn term we will be providing your children with talkabout cards, reading books and a showing book. After Christmas, your child will be provided with a homework grid containing a wide range of activities linked to the curriculum, that as a family you can work on together.

## Library Books and Reading Books

Your child will have access to two types of books - a library book and a reading book. Every Tuesday we will change your child's **library book**. Eventually the children will begin to choose their own book. In the reading log please feel free to record any comments your child makes about the book; thoughts, feelings and opinions.

The **reading books** provided for your child will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A reading record accompanies the home reading book. Please sign in the child's reading record and this will inform staff that it is ready to be changed. When reading with your child, it is important to build up their comprehension skills at the same time. The levelled comprehension questions sent home with the talkabout cards, will provide ideas of the different types of questions you can ask to determine if your child is understanding what is happening in each story.

The talkabout pictures will be changed on Tuesday's and Friday's. Please sign the box and comment on your child's answers if you are ready for it to be changed. Please use the levelled comprehension questions to help you think of ways you can develop your child's ability to talk about what is happening in pictures and stories.

## My Sequencing Book

Your child will receive a weekly sequencing activity. Look at the pictures with your child. Talk about what is happening and then encourage your child to put the cards in the correct order. Tell the story of what is happening. Stick the pictures in the book. Write down the sentences/story you created. (At this point please do the writing for your child. As they begin to understand the writing process they will hopefully want to join in with helping you.)



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### **My Showing Book**

This is an empty book for your child to draw, colour pictures, practice writing letters, words and numbers or stick pictures in they have collected connected to topics covered in school. These are very much left for the children to decide what they would like to put in to show the rest of the class each week. As part of our circle time activities we select individual books for the children to talk about and share their work/interests to the rest of the class. There is no pressure for the children to add something each week - but it is nice if they want to.

### **Going Home Teddies**

We have a number of teddies that are sent home to reward children at the end of a day. Children can be rewarded with a teddy for a variety of reasons: good tidying, being a good friend, good listening on the carpet, playing cooperatively and sharing with others.

### **Book Bags**

Please could you help to keep your child's book bag as clear as possible, checking on a daily basis and removing newsletters, flyers and the pictures that the children bring home.

Regards,

The Foundation Stage Team.

