

## Reading books

Your child will be bringing home a **reading book with no words** to begin with. This is to ensure that children have the understanding of:



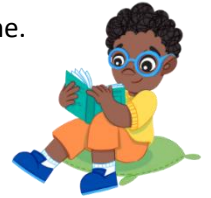
-How to look after books.

-To turn the pages from left to right.

-Using their imagination of making up a story using language, such as once upon a time.

-The structure of a story having a beginning, middle and end.

-Discussing feelings from stories.

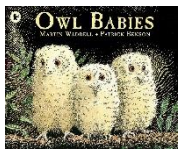


Soon your children will bring home a **book with words**. These books will correspond with our phonics learning and the children will already be familiar with the sounds in them. Encourage the children to “say the sounds and read the word”. I will be holding a **phonics meeting** soon that will cover supporting your child with their reading at home.

We will hear your child read at school at least once a week, which is when their reading books will be changed.

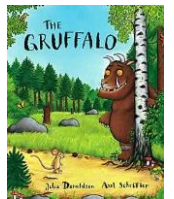
Children are **expected to read their reading books at least 4 times a week at home with an adult** and this must be **recorded in their reading record each time**. Their reading record has ‘stars’ in the middle and the end. When children reach the stars, they receive a certificate and prize, which is an incentive to read more at home.

Please ensure that their reading book is **ALWAYS in their book bag**, so return it straight into their book bag after reading at home so that it is ready for school the next day. This is particularly important because it will not always be the same day that we change their book each week. Their reading book will be in a plastic wallet in their book bags.



## Library books

Your child will also have a library book, that will be a borrowed book from Acorn’s reading area. This is to share together at home as story time and it will be changed each week. **Please do not record this one in their reading record**, as this is separate and the aim is to promote a love of reading and develop imagination.



## Lastly...

Please **do not put your child’s drinks bottle in their book bags**, as this can ruin the books.

Books should be looked after carefully at home. There is a charge for damaged books.

Thank you,

Miss Hickman 😊