

Year 1/2 home activities 2025-26

Reading

If your child is on the Read Write Inc phonics scheme then they will bring home the following reading materials:

- **Friday (please return to school the following Friday)** – ‘Reading for pleasure book’ – these books are designed to encourage a love of reading. Children will choose a book from our school library which interests them. The books will range in difficulty so if your child is able to read all or some of it then that is great. If they choose a book which they cannot yet read that is absolutely fine, an adult can read it to them. Please try to have lots of discussion around these books.
- **Thursday** – sheet of Read Write Inc (phonics scheme) words to practice reading and spelling in preparation for the book they will learn in their RWI group in school the following week. If your child’s sheet contains spellings then please encourage them to complete these neatly and bring their sheet back into school so they can be rewarded.
- **Monday (collected in on a THURSDAY)** – a ‘Phonic reading book’ or word sheet which is matched to their RWI colour in school. Your child should be able to recognise most of the sounds in these books and read them with increasing fluency throughout the week. PLEASE ENSURE THESE ARE RETURNED EVERY THURSDAY.

When your child has completed the Read Write Inc scheme then they will begin to use our KS2 online reading system ‘Accelerated Reader’. When they start this system, you will receive a letter containing their log in details and instructions of how to use the system. Pupils will bring home reading books which are matched to their level achieved in an initial AR quiz chosen from the library and they will have the opportunity to change these books whenever they have completed them and the relevant quiz.

Please can pupils have all reading books (phonic books, reading for pleasure books and AR books) and their reading diaries in their school bag every day so they are available when we read with the children in school or have quiet reading sessions. The expectation is that pupils read, and record in reading diaries, 3 or more times each week. Please record any reading including reading on Accelerated Reader and the sharing of the ‘Reading for pleasure’ books.

EBooks access

If you ever require additional reading materials at home, pupils have access to the Oxford Owl online library. To access this please visit <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> and click on the Oxford Owl for school log in section. All pupils can log in using the following details:

Username: ciren2B

Password: ciren2B

Once logged in, pupils can choose from the ebook library or the RWI library.

Spellings

We will be sending home a list of the Y1/2 common exception words. These are words which are not easily spelt by decoding the phonics and therefore need to be learnt by memory. Please practice reading and spelling this list of words with your child as much as possible as it will really help their reading and writing.

We will be teaching children a different spelling rule each week in school and will set homework on the online platform Spelling Shed each Friday. Please encourage your child to complete the activities on here each week. Log in details will be stuck in your child’s reading diary.

Numbots/Times Tables Rock Stars

Your child will be familiar with our online maths program Numbots from last year. It would be fantastic if pupils can practise their maths skills and knowledge on this website as much as possible. Your child’s password has been stuck into your child’s reading record. In spring term in Year 2 we also start to use TTRS to practice times tables. Please search for TTRS and your child’s log in is the same as for the Numbots site. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables as often as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support with your child’s learning at home.