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Dear Parents/Carers,

Phonics & Early Number Workshop

We will be hosting a parents/carers phonics & early number workshop on Wednesday 16th October from 3.30 – 4.15pm, to explain how we teach this in school. Please come and support your child. We would very much like you to know how to help.

Reading at Castle Primary School

We start by teaching phonics to the children in the Reception class. This means that they learn how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. This is essential for reading, but it also helps children learn to spell well. We teach the children simple ways of remembering these sounds and letters. Ask them to show you what these are. Children have taken home a sounds book, they will then bring home blending books, followed by 'ditties' followed by reading books.

The children also practise reading (and spelling) what we call 'tricky words', such as 'the,' 'me,' 'no' and 'put'.

The children practise their reading with resources and books that match the phonics and the 'tricky words' they know. They start thinking that they *can* read and this does wonders for their confidence.

The teachers read to the children, too, so the children get to know all sorts of stories, poetry and information books. They learn many more words this way and it also helps their writing.

How you can help

Please come along to the workshop on the 16th October. Your child will bring different sorts of books home from school. It helps if you know whether this is a book that your child can read on their own or whether this is a book that you should read *to* them. The teacher will have explained which is which. *Please* trust your child's teacher to choose the book(s) that will help your child the most.

Help your child to sound out the letters in words and then to 'push' the sounds together to make a whole word. Try not to refer to the letters by their names. Help your child to focus on the sounds. You can hear how to say the sounds correctly at this link: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9y7ABzDb/Ucv5Ojbl>

Sometimes your child might bring home a picture book that they know well. Please don't say, 'This is too easy.' Instead, encourage your child to tell you the story out loud; ask them questions about things that happen or what they think about some of the characters in the story.

We know parents and carers are very busy people. But if you can find time to read to your child as much as possible, it helps him or her to learn about books and stories. They also learn new words and what they mean. Show that you are interested in reading yourself and talk about reading as a family.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

The EYFS Team