

RECOMMENDED READS

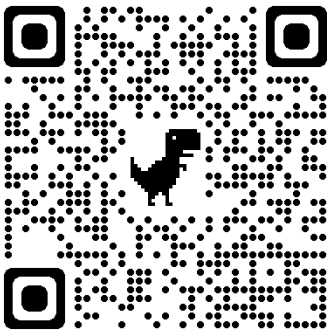
We have created 'Recommended Reads' for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. These are books that year upon year, our children and teachers love. These can also be found on our Federated website under the curriculum/reading section.



READING AMBASSADORS

If you love to read with children, and have some free time, you might be interested in becoming a Balksbury Reading Ambassador! Our Reading Ambassadors come in to school to read with our wonderful children from across the Federation. Some come each week, and give up a couple of hours of their time. However any amount of free time is appreciated.

Scan the QR code below to hear from Tony, who has been a Reading Ambassador with us for a couple of years now.



For more information, contact Miss Bolton via either admin office.



READING AT BALKSBURY FEDERATION



LEARNING TO READ, READING TO LEARN

At Barksbury Federation, we love to read. We are dedicated in our mission to ensure all children are given the gift of reading.

Children begin learning to read after only a few days at school, taking part in daily phonics lessons. During these lessons, children will be learning new sounds, putting them together to blend and read words. At Barksbury Federation, we follow the Little Wandle for Letters and Sounds scheme.

Children then have the opportunity to apply their learning, by bringing home a decodable reading book to read with you at home.

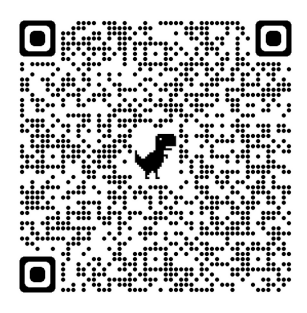
These books will match their developing phonic knowledge. We want the children to be able to read these books fluently, to develop their skills as a reader.

Children will also bring home an additional library book, which is changed each week. We do not expect children to be able to read these books independently. They are to share with you and to read together.



SUPPORTING AT HOME

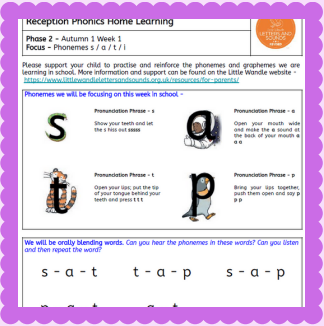
You can keep up with the sounds that your child is learning in class by checking their Google Classroom page. Each week, teachers will upload a sheet summarizing what has been taught in phonics lessons. You can use these sheets to talk to your child about their learning.



Reading at home is important. We recommend reading with your child **every day**. This does not mean reading their whole book! Reading a page of their decodable book together is enough, and will make a huge difference to their progress when learning to read. A bedtime story is also an excellent way to share new vocabulary with your child, as well as providing a lovely opportunity to spend time together.

For top tips on how to support reading at home, scan the QR code above to see our guide, which includes ideas from the Department of Education.

Remember to record when you have read with your child in their reading diary. Let your child's class teacher know if there was anything that they need additional support with.



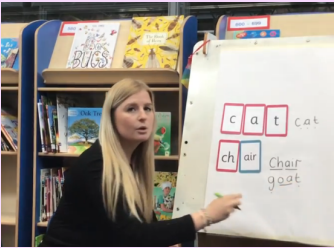
HANDY LINKS

Free online books from BookTrust can be found by scanning the QR code to the right. There are also reading games, and story time videos.



A copy of every Little Wandle phonics lesson, can be found by scanning the QR code to the left. These can be really useful for revising any sounds that your child has found tricky, or for catching up with learning if your child has been absent from school.

How-to videos from our Federated teachers can be found by scanning the QR code to the right.



Don't forget to check Across the Playground for the fortnightly 'Reading Corner' article. Here you can find reading news and updates from across the federation, as well as recommended reading from our children.

