

ENGLISH NEWSLETTER



RIPLEY INFANT SCHOOL



Questions & suggestions ...

If you have any questions regarding English at Ripley Infant school or any suggestions of what you would like to see feature in our newsletter, please feel free to email me on pyoung@ripley-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Welcome to our first English newsletter!

We are excited to introduce our new English Newsletter, which will now replace the previous Reading Newsletter. This updated version will provide a broader overview of learning in English, including reading, phonics, writing, and spelling. Each edition will share key focuses, tips for supporting learning at home, and updates on the skills we are developing in school. We hope this new format will give you a clearer picture of English at Ripley Infant School.

This term's newsletter includes some Autumn book recommendations, a nosy into our reading corners in school, information about phonics homework cards, statistics regarding the importance of reading at home and our most recent class reads.

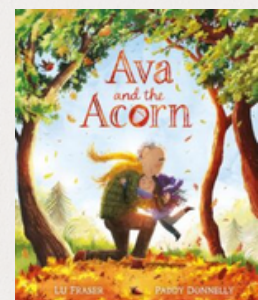
Phonics Homework

Every Friday on Tapestry, a phonics homework card will be uploaded with sounds, words and tricky words that your child has learnt.

Please read through the card with your child to support their learning and recap what they have learned in the week.

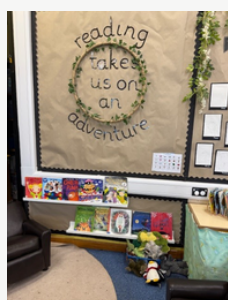
Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Year 1 Phonics Home Learning			
Phase 1 - It is not to be used at home for home learning.			
Please support your child to practice and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - https://www.littlewandle.co.uk/			
Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school:			
a-e	/a:/	i-e	/i:/
o-e	/o:/	u-e	/u:/
We will be reading and writing words. Can you see this week's focus phonemes?			
made	ripe	woke	cute
rule	game	like	note
prize	those	omize	use
We will be reading and writing sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you see this week's focus phonemes? Can you read these sentences carefully?			
It is fun to play the game snakes and ladders.			

READING RECOMMENDATIONS



Reading Corners

Have a look at our reading corners around school. Children have access to these throughout the week during Discovery time (free flow time). Each reading corner is stocked with a range of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and topic related books.



Owls & Robins



Skylarks



Ravens



Starlings



Woodpeckers



Library

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.

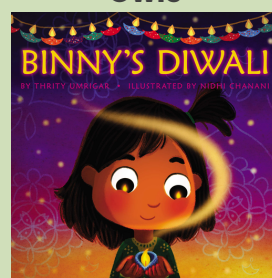


Learn more: smartreading.org/parent-resources



Recent Class Reads

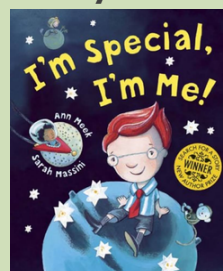
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