



St Dominic's RC Primary School

Oxford Reading

Reading Information for Parents



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Oxford Reading - Homework Tips

Dear Parents

Your child has been issued with a book from our reading scheme, *Oxford Reading Tree/Oxford Treetops*. This is a highly successful reading scheme which spans nursery to Primary 7 with a variety of series to engage children in different topics and genres.

ORT Stages 1-9

For most children, these books will be given on a weekly basis.

Tips for reading

- ◆ Find a quiet place to read with your child and encourage them to hold the book properly
- ◆ Talk about the cover of the book—the picture, title & author
- ◆ Look to the back of the book. Keywords practised in the book are shown here
- ◆ On opening the book, discuss the picture with child. Read the text—this could be you reading then your child or your child may have a go straight away.
- ◆ When you reach the last page you could read together to enjoy the ending of the story

Treetops (Oxford Levels 8-20)

For most children these books will be issued to be read over 2 or more weeks. Class teachers will set specific chapters to read on a weekly basis.

Tips for reading

- ◆ Look to the inside cover of the book before you begin reading with your child. Here you will find points to discuss with them.
- ◆ Now ask your child to read to you. You can try different strategies;
 - ⇒ Child reads one page, parent reads next page chapter each.
 - ⇒ Child reads whole book.
 - ⇒ Pay attention to tricky words - ask your child to sound them out.
 - ⇒ Ask for the meaning of tricky words - read the word in context and *have-a-go* at the meaning.
 - ⇒ Each time you re-visit the book, re-cap on the events of the story so far.
- ◆ As your child progresses into the upper stages of school, they may wish to read the book more independently. Where this is the case, discuss with your child what they have read.