



# THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Executive Headteachers:

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Head of Upper School: Mrs N Carpenter

Head of Lower School: Mrs J Sorensen

## **Reading Practice in Year 1 and Year 2**

Dear Year 1 and Year 2 children and families,

As part of our Reading curriculum, children have 'Reading Practice' lessons each week. This was previously known as Guided Reading and now follows a different structure. We wanted to ensure that parents and carers are clear about what their children will be doing in school and how you can best support them at home.

### **In school**

All children will have 3 Reading Practice sessions each week with a trained adult. During each group session, the adult will support all children to develop the skills below. In addition, some children may receive some further intervention and support as required.

- **Session 1 – Decoding.** This means the children apply their secure phonic knowledge to read (decode) a book that has been carefully matched to their level.
- **Session 2 – Prosody.** The children then read the same book again, this time focusing on reading it with expression and increasing fluency.
- **Session 3 – Comprehension.** The final Reading Practice session involves children reading the same book for a third time, answering questions and discussing the book with their group.

### **At home**

The book your child has read in school during Reading Practice will then be sent home as an electronic 'Collins Big Cat e-book'. The intention is that your child has built success reading this book in school during the week and can now practice reading this with you at home, with increasing fluency to build their confidence. Please access your child's ebooks via the 'Collins ebooks' App or through the website: <https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>. Your child's username and password has been placed on the front or back page of their Reading Diary on a sticker entitled 'eCollins'.

In addition to this your child will also be sent home with:

- **Teacher Choice book** – this is a book which is closely matched to your child's secure phonic knowledge. This is a book which has not been read in school, so your child will need some support to decode. This book should be read at home several times over the week, with increasing fluency as your child develops their skills and confidence.
- **Sharing book** – these books will come from the class book corner/Saplings library and are for you to read, share and enjoy with your child.

Please note that the days when children are allocated reading books may change and staff will keep you informed.

### **Reading diaries**

**Please record any and all reading in your child's diary.** As part of our Reading Tree rewards, children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be rewarded with a special bookmark at the end of each term to celebrate consistent reading and the class with the most readers will receive a pyjama book afternoon treat.

Thank you for your continued home support with reading, which really does make all the difference!

Yours sincerely,

Ms Cheeseman

Cypress Lower School English Lead