



THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Reading Practice in Reception

Dear Reception children and families,

As part of our Reading curriculum, children have started their 'Reading Practice' groups this week. 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.

- **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.

In addition, some children may receive some further intervention and support as required.

At home

The book your child has read in school during Reading Practice will then be sent home as an electronic 'Collins Big Cat ebook'. The intention is that your child has built success discussing and 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.
- **Sharing book** – these books will come from the class book corner/library and are for you to read, share and enjoy with your child.

Reading diaries

Please record any and all reading in your child's diary. As part of our Reading Tree rewards in school, Reception children can be chosen to take home the special Bedtime Book bag.

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