

Dear Year 1 and Year 2 parents

Reading Books and phonics

We will be sending reading books home soon. We are currently in the process of listening to every child read individually this week so that we can send them home with an appropriate reading book matched to their current phonics knowledge. Our aim is to send reading books home from next Monday 14th September. There will be information on how to use the reading books at home in the front cover of their reading diaries. The aim of reading at home is to consolidate and practise what they have been learning at school, to develop fluency and most importantly for them to be successful readers. So if they do read their 'I can read this book' with ease then that is perfect because we want them to succeed at reading. Please do just praise them with how brilliantly they are reading. Additional activities that can be done during the week include practising word tin words and phonic sounds. All of which we will provide in the next couple of weeks.

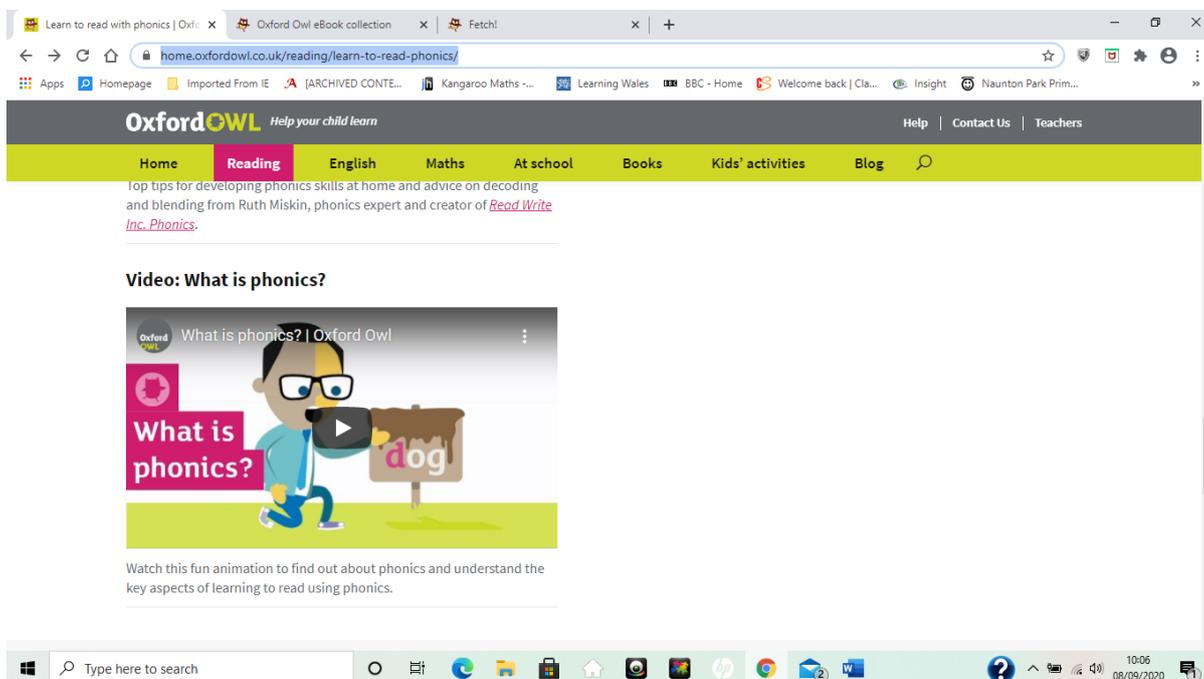
When reading books need changing at school, they will be quarantined for at least a week before they are put back into our reading book stock. If you do still have reading books at home from lockdown, please do return them but ask your child to give them to a school adult so that they can be quarantined.

In the meantime, you can still access Oxford Owl ebooks for free by registering as a parent at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> or just enjoy sharing books together at home.

KS1 will also be taking part in a reading challenge this term. We really just want the children to get back into the habit of reading regularly and so we will be taking part in the READ challenge. This challenge will be familiar to the current Year 2 children. Again, details will come home in their reading diaries next week.

We will also be assessing the children's phonic knowledge over the next couple of weeks and we will let you know how they are getting on and which sounds they need to practise once we have completed this. We will also stick this information into their reading diaries and we will provide resources to help you support their phonics learning at home.

If you would like to find out a little more about phonics or would like a recap then there are some great resources and short videos on the Oxford Owl website at <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Oxford Owl website. The page title is "Learn to read with phonics | Oxford Owl eBook collection". The URL in the address bar is "home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/". The website header includes the Oxford Owl logo and navigation links: Home, Reading, English, Maths, At school, Books, Kids' activities, and Blog. Below the header, there is a section titled "Video: What is phonics?" with a play button icon. The video thumbnail shows a cartoon character holding a sign that says "dog". Below the video, there is a caption: "Watch this fun animation to find out about phonics and understand the key aspects of learning to read using phonics." The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the search bar and various application icons.

Kind regards.

Year 1 and 2 Teachers.

