

# King Edwin Primary School



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## EYFS and KS1 Reading Books- Information for Parents

In order to support children with their progress in reading they will now bring home two reading books. One of them is carefully chosen by the class teacher so that your child can use their rapidly developing phonics knowledge to work out all of the words- we call these books Rocket Phonics books. The other book has been chosen by your child to encourage reading for pleasure and is colour banded. It is for you to read with your child and to talk about together.

The Rocket Phonics books are aligned with the phonics lessons your child accesses in school. These books are designed to embed classroom learning and provide opportunity for children to practice at home. The sounds and words may be repetitive- this is a useful way for your child to practice their learning.

Please note that not all children in Year 2 will come home with 2 reading books. This is due to them passing their phonics screen test.

### How to use the Rocket Phonics books

When using these books we would like you to encourage your child to use blending for reading. In order to learn to read and spell children must be able to smoothly blend sounds together. Blending sounds fluidly helps to improve fluency when reading. It is more difficult to do with longer words so learning how to blend accurately at an early age is important. Your child uses blending everyday as part of their phonics lessons and will be able to show you how we do this by segmenting the sounds. Remember, some sounds (digraphs) are represented by two letters, such as **ee** in sheep or **oi** in coin. Children should sound out the digraph not the individual letters. Some words may also have trigraphs (three letters to represent one sound) eg **igh** in light.



Within the books you will find many useful prompts and questions to use when reading with your child.

The frequency of when your child will change their Rocket Phonics book will depend upon the progress they are making through the phases. Again- the repetitive nature of these books is a positive and reading them multiple times is encouraged.

Please ensure all reading books are in the children's bags everyday so we can use them in school and change them when needed.

Please also note that some of the Rocket Phonics books will be assigned through your child's Rising Stars Online Reading Library too.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Marsh, Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Grant  
Phonics Team

