Autumn – Early Reading Newsletter

Dear parents/ carers,

Your child has made super progress in their reading this Autumn term.
Let's keep them reading over the half term break to set them up for success.

Watch Virtual Classroom films

https://uphallprimary.co.uk/virtual-classroom/

We'll be sharing more links soon to:

1. *Speed Sound* films for your Weekly 'Sound challenge': Review two and learn one new.
2. *Red Word* films
3. *Speeding up word reading* films.



The plan

- Set aside 10 minutes to watch a film with your child *at least* three times a week.
- Find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet.
- Praise your child as they join in with the lesson.

Use the eBook Library

Use the Phonics Practice at Home quizzes in your child's eBook Library on Oxford Owl.

Username: uphallschool Password: Reading

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students

Listen to your child read every day

You will find *Read Write Inc.* Storybooks in your child's eBook Library for your child to read to you. Choose a quiet time when they are wide awake.

Help your child to:

- read the sounds and words at the front of the book, before they read the story
- sound out any new words as they read the story.

Read back each page to them, after they have read it.
If the child has enjoyed the story, encourage them to read it again on the next day to increase their fluency.
Most importantly...do it all with patience and love.

Read aloud to your child every day

Did you know that *being read to* develops children's comprehension, increases their vocabulary and grows their love of reading? Read the attached *Ten top tips for reading stories to your child, Happy Halloween* colour in and *Halloween Reading Challenge!*
Your child will love to hear these same stories read again and again. Visit your local library for more.

Your support matters.
Thank you
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Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat.
Introduce each new book with excitement.

2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.

3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:

Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.

4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:

Oh I think what's happening here is that...

5 Chat about the story:

I wonder why he did that?

Oh no, I hope she's not going to...

I wouldn't have done that, would you?

6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.

7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *This reminds me of...*)

8 Read favourite stories over and over again.
Get your child to join in with the bits they know.

9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.

10 Read with enjoyment.
If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.



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HAPPY
POTION
POTION
HALLOWEEN
TRICK
OR
TREAT
OOH!
SPOOKY

HALLOWEEN READING CHALLENGE





Color in a box each time you complete a task

Play spooky music while you read	Read a Halloween themed book	Read a book by candlelight or with a flashlight	Read a book about ghost	Read a book with a pumpkin in it	Read in a costume
Read late at night	Read a book about cats	Read a book with a monster in it	Read a funny Halloween book	Read your book in a vampire voice	Make cozy fort and read inside
Read a Halloween counting book	Choose a book with an orange cover	Have a quick Halloween dance party before you read	Read a search and find Halloween book	Sip a festive drink while you read	Read with glowsticks
Make Halloween cookies and munch while you read	Enjoy an animal Halloween book	Read with a grandparent or other family member virtually	Have a pumpkin snack while you read	Read a book with a haunted house in it	Read a book about skeletons
Read a book about bats	Read while wearing fake fangs	Have a parent read their favorite Halloween story	Read in the bath	Read a rhyming Halloween book	Color a picture of what you are reading

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