

Crabbs Cross Academy

Evesham Road, Crabbs Cross,
Redditch, Worcs, B97 5JH

Monday 16th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The teaching of early reading and writing at Crabbs Cross Academy in Reception and Key Stage 1

Phonics will continue to be taught daily in Year 1 and Year 2. Throughout school, there will be a consistent approach to the teaching of reading, including the pronunciation of phonemes (the sound it makes) and the introduction of new formation phrases. All children in the class are taught the same grapheme (the sound written down) with children who need additional support having same day 'keep up' sessions.

Alongside our daily phonics lessons, every child will take part in three reading sessions per week. Children will read in a small group to a trained Teacher or Teaching Assistant, reading the same book three times with the aim of reading at 95% fluency. The focus for each session is different; decoding, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension.

Book I can read

Class teachers are currently assessing the children to match your child to a book at the appropriate level. Therefore your child will receive their first home reading book on Friday 13th September. This might be a book your child has already read so please don't worry if you notice this. It is important for your child to reread books to build up their fluency and confidence. We also want your child to be able to 'show off' their amazing reading at home.

Book I can share

This book is for children to read for pleasure. The book your child chooses, is not a book they are expected to read independently. Instead, the book is to read with or to your child.

Please also find a link to a support section for parents and carers, where you can find further information about our Phonics scheme Little Wandle – Letters and Sounds Revised. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Yours in partnership,

Miss Kinlan
Phonics Lead

Executive Head Nicki Wright
Interim Headteacher Sallyanne Dunstan
Telephone (01527) 543624
email: office@cca.endeavourschools.org