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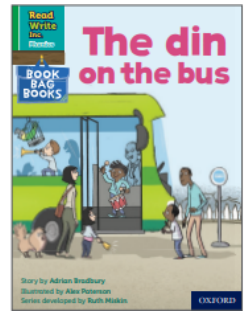
## Supporting reading at home in Reception

We know that sharing books at home makes a significant difference to children's progress and confidence with reading, and would really appreciate your help to make sure children read regularly at home.

- At the start of reception children will get a **'My Set 1 Speed sounds book'** - ask your child to flick through the book and read the sounds as quickly as he or she can. If your child hesitates when reading a sound, the 'picture-sound' is on the back as a reminder. Your child can also practise writing the sound on the same page. This book your child can keep, it belongs to them.
- Next, your child will take home a **'Sound blending book'** - ask your child to read each word in sounds (Fred Talk) and then say the word. Then, he or she can turn over and check if they're right. This book will change frequently.
- Once your child is confident with blending using all set 1 sounds, including special friends they will begin to read **'Ditty sheets'** which are preparing your child for reading story books. Your child will have read this short story lots of times in school so should be able to share the story and read it to you confidently.
- As soon as your child starts to read the Read Write Inc Phonics Storybooks, he or she will bring home a black and white **Storybook**. This is a copy of the colour version he or she will have read at school. Your child will have read this story three times with their reading teacher, so should be able to read the story confidently. A brief explanation of how to follow the activities is included in the books.



- Your child may also bring home a **Book Bag Book**. This book builds upon the ideas and many of the words in the Storybook he or she has just read. Your child will need more support in reading this book. Again, explanations of how to use the activities are included in the books.
- In addition every week your child will bring home a story book from our year group **library**. This is a book for you to read aloud to your child, discussing the story and sharing the pictures, and may be considerably too difficult for them to read for themselves. This book could make a lovely bedtime story and be read over and over again during the week.
- Please continue to use the reading record books to make a note of the date when you read each book with your child and comments you want to make about how your child is getting on.



Don't forget that you can also join the local library - it's free, and they have a fantastic selection of books for younger (and older) children.